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WITH SIGNING OF CW EXTENSION BILL

Labor chief: Businesses going ahead with plans



FARMERS AND RANCHERS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog, center, who is currently the acting governor, joins island farmers, ranchers, and other guests yesterday for a group photo after signing the proclamation declaring Aug. 4 as Saipan Agricultural Fair Day and Aug. 5 to 11 as Farmers and Ranchers Week at the Juan A. Sablan Memorial Building on Capital Hill. Among the guests were Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang, Labor Secretary Vicky Benavente, and Public Lands Secretary Marianne Teregeyo.

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

ith U.S. President Donald J. Trump's signing last week of a bill that extends the CNMI-Only Transitional Worker program beyond 2019 and increases the CW cap limits for the fiscal year, several companies have indicated plans to proceed with ideas to expand business hours or increase their product lines and store inventory.

Labor Secretary Vicky Benavente disclosed over the weekend that several employers have signaled relief at the signing of >>> To expand

the NMI U.S. Workforce Act of 2018, especially those in industries such as retail,

hours, increase **product lines**

food and beverage, and tourism/hospitality.

Benavente said Labor has been receiving many

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DPL in talks with Hyatt, IPI

By JON PEREZ

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Public Lands Secretary Marianne Teregeyo said her department is in talks with the management of the Hyatt Regency Saipan and Imperial Pacific International (CNMI]) LLC about their respective investments on Saipan.

Hyatt is among the local hotels that have expiring

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Concerns' stymie House action on pot bill

By ERWIN ENCINARES REPORTER

The House of Representatives' three-hour >>> Heated session yesterday went on recess just as it was about to tackle a bill legalizing the medical and

discussions anticipated

session was moved to today at the House Chamber on Capitol Hill at 9:30am.

In a vote of 18-0, the House unanimously adopted the committee report from the Judiciary and Governmental Operations Committee, led recreational use of marijuana. The by Rep. Ivan A. Blanco (R-Saipan),

which had recommended the passage of Sen. Sixto K. Igisomar's (R-Saipan) Senate Bill 20-62 to legalize the medical and recreational use of marijuana and regulate the industry that would come with it.

However, during discussions on the adoption of the committee report, several House members hinted that

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Consider suit vs Guam if...

By ERWIN ENCINARES

A lawmaker urged his colleagues to consider a lawsuit if the Guam Legislature goes ahead and passes a bill that imposes a tax on liquid fuel.

Ren Joseph Deleon Guerrero (R Saipan) believes that, if need be, a lawsuit must be filed against Guam

if the island's legislature passes Guam Bill 257-34, which proposes to impose a tax on liquid fuel passing through the island. Guam Sen. Telena C. Nelson (D-GU) introduced the bill on March 13, 2018.

"I wanted to get clarification on whether Guam can impose taxes on commodities not intended for Guam

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Thousands more fled their homes after wildfires surged near a small lake town in California.

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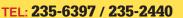
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Tom Cruise's deathdefying "Mission: Impossible" stunts continue to pay off at the box office.

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Local

Tinian holds 4th Youth Shoreline Fishing Derby

Tinian hosted its 4th Annual Youth Shoreline Fishing Derby last July 22, 2018, with 35 youngsters between the ages

night event at Kammer Beach.

"For most of these anxious young participants and their

of 6 and 17 joining the over-parents, this cliff fishing derby is not only a sports competition but also a fun island pastime," said MVA field opera-

tions supervisor Vida Borja.

Organized by the 16th Tinian Municipal Council, Division of Fish & Wildlife,

and the Marianas Visitors Authority, the event began at 6pm on July 22 and ended at 6am on July 23.

For only \$5, participants received an invitation to the awards banquet, and the opportunity to vie for \$2,000 in cash prizes in different categories. The derby was divided into three age categories: ages 6-9,

Biggest Catch went to Carther Joe Cruz for 6-9 yearolds, Ezra dela Cruz for 10-13 year-olds, and Glen Matalog for the 14-17 year-olds.

ages 10-14, and ages 15-17.

Most Weight prizes in the younger category went to Cather Joe Cruz, Francisco Moses, and Trevin Evangelista, in descending order.

Most Variety prizes went to, in descending order: Trevin Evangelista, Francisco Moses, and Carther Joe Crus.

Also in descending order in the Age 10-14 category, Most Weight prizes went to Christopher King Jr., Ethan Palacios, and John Cabrera. Most Variety prizes went to Christopher King Jr., Ethan Palacios, and John Cabrera.

In the Ages 15-17 category, Most Weight prizes went to Glen Matalog, Rudy Sablan, and Peter "Kutz" Dela Cruz, in descending order. Most Variety went to Rudy Sablan, Glen Matlaog, and Peter "Kutz" Dela Cruz, in descending order.

All non-winners received a Saipan-da backpack with school supplies.

The next Youth Shoreline Fishing Derby is tentatively scheduled for July 3-4, 2019. *(MVA)*

'Probe unpaid tobacco taxes'

HAGATNA, Guam (AP)— Guam officials have requested federal agencies to investigate allegations of tax evasion and cigarette smuggling by a tobacco distributor.

The Pacific Daily News reports Guam lawmakers requested last week for the FBI, the U.S. Attorney's Office, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to look into Mid Pacific Distributors' nearly \$15 million in unpaid local cigarette taxes over the past three years.

Guam Legislature Speaker Benjamin Cruz says MidPac controls about half of the cigarette market on the island. He says authorities need to determine why the taxes weren't paid and how far back it goes.

John Calvo, president of MidPac, says the allegations are baseless, noting the distributor reported the discrepancies to the Guam Department of Revenue and Taxation.



Winners of the 4th Annual Youth Shoreline Fishing Derby receive their prizes on July 23, 2018, at Kammer Beach, Tinian.



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The 4th Annual Youth Shoreline Fishing Derby is held on July 22-23, 2018, at Kammer Beach, Tinian.

Man allegedly threw can of beer at girlfriend

week for allegedly throwing a can of beer at his girlfriend during a drinking session with a friend at his house in Chalan Kanoa.

Joaquin Sablan Delos Santos Jr., 49, who works as a steel man with Pacific Rim Constructors, was taken to the Superior Court Friday afternoon on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon.

Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho allowed his temporary release to a third-party custodian on a \$5,000 unsecured bond. Preliminary hearing will be on Aug. 2 at 1:30pm.

According to police, a responding police officer saw

A man was arrested last the victim with a laceration on her forehead. The alleged victim told the officer that her boyfriend, Delos Santos, hit her face with a newly opened can of beer.

Delos Santos left the house before the officers came. He was later arrested.

The alleged victim was brought by medics to the Commonwealth Health Center for treatment.

She told police that Delos Santos threw the beer can at her head as he was about three to four feet away from her. She felt blood running down her face. She then asked her nephew, who was in the house, to call for an ambulance. (Ferdie

Ex-CUC board member San Nicolas arrested for DUI

Former Commonwealth Utilities Corp. board member Eric San Nicolas was arrested for allegedly driving while under the influence of alcohol on Saipan last Saturday.

Public Department of Safety spokesperson Jacqueline Rae confirmed San Nicolas' arrest yesterday, but said that she has no further details about the incident.

As of press time, Saipan *Tribune* was still trying to get comments from San Nicolas.

Rae said a woman called DPS last Saturday about a theft incident, but when officers arrived at the scene, San Nicolas was not there.

Rae said San Nicolas came back a short time later and returned the items to the alleged victim.

FHB names Ravi Mallela CFO, treasurer

HONOLULU, Hawaii— First Hawaiian, Inc., the parent

Inc. and First Ha-

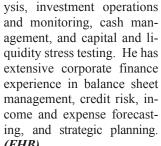
Mallela "Ravi business in Hawaii,"

said. "He brings to our senior management team a depth of knowledge and corporate finance expertise that we will leverage and build upon as we move forward with our strategic plans for the bank. We also want to thank president and COO Eric Yeaman, for stepas we conducted our nationwide search."

Mallela plans to join First Hawaiian, Inc. and First Hawaiian Bank in September.

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> Bank from First Republic Bank, where he served as senior vice president, head of Finance and Treasury. In that role, he managed the bank's functions of corporate treasury, financial planning and anal-



Rae said police officers, however, cited San Nicolas with DUI at that time.

The DPS spokesperson said she does not have the complete report yet.

San Nicolas used to serve as vice principal for Tinian High School before he became CUC board member. He has expressed his intent

later expanded by his father, Harold Teruya. Armstrong Produce, Ltd. has supported producers of locally grown produce and has initiated several innovations, establishing the company as Hawaii's leading produce wholesaler. Teruya serves on the boards of the Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific Foundation, Hawaii Sports Hall of Fame,

and the Hawaii Food and

to run as an independent candidate for Tinian Senate at the Nov. 6 general election. (Ferdie de la Torre)



Teruya to join FHB board

HONOLULU, Hawaii— The First Hawaiian Bank has elected Mark Teruva to serve on the First Hawaiian Bank board of directors, according to an announcement yesterday by Bob Harrison, First Hawaiian Bank chairman and CEO.

"We are pleased to add Mark Teruya to our bank's board," said Harrison. "With his four decades of business

industry experience we look forward to his expert insights and we anticipate that First Hawaiian will benefit from his contributions."

Teruya is chairman and chief executive officer of Armstrong Produce, Ltd., a locally owned, family run fullservice wholesale produce distributor established in the 1940s by his grandparents and

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company of First Hawaiian Bank, announced yesterday that it has appointed Ravi Mallela chief financial officer and treasurer of First Hawaiian,

waiian Bank.

joins us as CFO just as our bank is about to celebrate our 160th year of doing said Bob Harrison, First Hawaiian Bank chairman and CEO

Mallela

ping in to serve as acting CFO (FHB) MHS set for school opening

By JON PEREZ

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Barring any hitches, Marianas High School is all set to welcome an expected large number of students for school year 2018-2019 that opens on Aug. 15, Wednesday. All public schools will open on the same day.

MHS principal Cherlyn Cabrera told Saipan Tribune that she and her entire personnel and staff are ready as contingency plans are in place, especially if a storm cancels the school opening.

"We always have emergency plans in place and protocols for emergencies. ... Yes, we have procedures in place to accommodate for lost instructional time due to storms or other unforeseen circumstances," said Cabrera.

She added they only replaced two of their teaching staff, unlike in previous years where they experienced some shortages. "Fortunately for us, we only had to replace two of our teachers this year and many of our teachers have similar teaching assignments, so they are ready as we don't have any new surprises this year as we had in the past."

"In the past, we had shortages of teachers so we would have to get creative to meet student needs. But this year, we are set with our staff, on top of our renovations and repairs, and excited to welcome our students to [school year] 2018-2019," said Cabrera.

She said new classes would also be offered to further prepare their students who want to pursue higher education while also having vocational classes, thanks the partnership between the CNMI State Public System and the Northern Marianas Trades Institute.

Advanced placement chemistry, college and career preparation, physical education III—weight and sports athletic training-and Japanese II are the new MHS subjects while auto mechanic, hospitality, construction, and culinary arts are the partnership classes to be offered with NMTI.

She also dismissed any rumors that they are going to limit the number of students that they would accept this school year. MHS had more than 1,000 students in the previous school year.

"MHS continues to have a large student population due to the movement of families within our school zones. As a public school, we welcome all those who are in our school

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MCS re-opens discount on registration fee

In the wake of the passage of the CNMI Workforce Act and the lifting of government austerity measures, Mount Carmel School said it is reopening the discount on registration fees that was originally restricted to students who registered back in May under the school's annual "Early Bird" discount.

"Many former and prospective parents wanted to enroll their children, but uncertainty around immigration and economic issues discouraged them from registering,"

said school president Galvin Deleon Guerrero. "But now, with the Workforce Act and the easing of austerity measures, parents are in a better position to send their kids to Mount Carmel School."

The decision to re-open the registration discount was made after the school's leadership consulted with Bishop Ryan P. Jimenez, the corporate head of the school, and Vicente Babauta, the chair of the school's board of directors and AlumKnight.

In those deliberations, De-

leon Guerrero said the reopened discount is important to the Catholic mission of the school. "We are here not just as a school, but also as an extension of our church's ministry to help those in need.

Deleon Guerrero explained, "There were a number of parents and students who loved being here or wanted to come here, but could not afford it. We certainly should not penalize them for the hard choices that they had to make. Hopefully, this reopened registration discount

will make it easier for parents and their children."

The discount lowers the regular \$400 registration fee by half, to \$200. For parents that registered after the Early Bird deadline in May, the remaining \$200 will be credited toward their tuition payments for the year. The school also announced that parents have until Aug. 17 to avail of the re-opened discount on registration fees.

The school will also continue family discounts for families that enroll more than one child. Families with two children can avail of a \$600 discount for the second child, families with three children can avail of a \$1,000 discount for the third child, and families with four children can avail of a \$1,500 discount for the

fourth child.

The first day of classes for school year 2018-2019 will be on Thursday, Aug. 9. To learn more about enrolling at MCS for the 2018-2019 school year, call 234-6184 or visit www. mountcarmelsaipan.com. (PR)

NMC's info session tonight and Thursday

Northern Marianas College is reminding all individuals interested in furthering their education and advancing their professional careers to attend the NMC Info Session scheduled for tonight, July 31, and Thursday, Aug. 2, 2018.

The sessions will be held at NMC's Café Proa located near the Bookstore from 5:30pm to 6:30pm on both days.

Those who attend the info session will also qualify to have their application fee and their placement test fees waived for NMC's upcoming fall 2018 semester—a savings of about \$75.

In addition to admissions and financial aid opportunities, the college will also be sharing information about degree programs offered at NMC, the Prior Learning Assessment program, admissions, financial aid, and more.

Round trip shuttle service will also be provided from Tanapag and Kagman on each day that the info session is held. Pickup times from Tanapag Middle School and the Kagman Market will be at 4:30pm, and the return dropoff time from NMC back to Tanapag and Kagman will be at 7pm. There is no fee for the shuttle service.

For more information about registering for classes for the upcoming fall 2018 semester or to apply for admission, please contact the NMC Office of Admissions and Records at 237-6768/6769/6771 or visit www.marianas.edu. (NMC)

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calls, mostly from the business community, about the procedures for this new CW law.

She said Labor is working closely with Gov. Ralph DLG Torres to ensure that their recommendations on the interim final rules governing the implementation of this new CW extension law are communicated to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Benavente said they are seeking the implementation

of these recommendations prior to Sept. 30, 2018.

"We will continue to work with our federal partners to ensure the intent of the law is upheld and that we can provide the services needed to sustain our islands' economic progress," she said.

Benavente said Labor is tracking working conditions, company training programs, job classifications, and other data, with the primary goal of providing a viable and vibrant labor market.

'We continue to focus on the training and development of our citizens so that they

can enter the workforce and secure not just a job, but a lifelong career," she said.

working In groups aligned with the CNMI business community and key government agencies such as the Public School System and Northern Marianas College, Benavente said that Labor will help job applicants obtain the skills to match an employer's requirements for a job.

She said Labor has acknowledged the many challenges that businesses encounter with obtaining and retaining skilled workers.

Labor has encouraged all businesses to provide job training for employees and benefits to include continuing education, health insurance, and profit sharing programs.

"It can be a competitive environment for those who are seeking jobs and for businesses that are searching for good employees," Benavente said.

The new CW law effectively raises the CW permit cap for fiscal year 2019 to 13,000. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services previously set the CW cap for fiscal year 2019 at 4,999.

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ture does impose liquid fuel

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bypassing Guam when pur-

"...The other island na-

tions in the FSM and [RMI]

may also have to rethink of

bypassing Guam because of

the tax. That might be an op-

portunity for the CNMI to

be a transshipment point for

their fuel needs," he said.

Deleon Guerrero added

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chasing fuel.

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heated discussions would follow discussions on the bill today.

Rep. Donald Barcinas (R-Saipan), one of several who questioned the bill, stated that although the JGO committee had deleted several provisions in the bill that technically made it a revenuegenerating measure, it still "falls short" of its intention. Barcinas believes the bill, even with the amendments, remains a revenue-generating bill and it should not have left the Senate. Barcinas cited the CNMI Constitution, which states that revenue-generating bills must only originate from the House.

Both Rep. Edwin K. Propst (Ind-Saipan) and Rep. John Paul Sablan (R-Saipan) also had qualms about the bill. Sablan told Saipan Tribune in a conversation on the bill that there were "issues" with the bill that still need to be addressed. He did not elaborate.

Propst pointed out in his social media account several

provisions of the amended bill that sits uneasy with him, such as a JGO amendment that lifted the "clean-slate" requirement for proposed cannabis commissioners and cannabis commission executive directors.

According to the current version of the bill, the JGO amended it to allow felons who have been convicted of a crime for more than 15 years to serve as commissioner or executive director for the proposed cannabis commission. Individuals who, in the previous 15 years, have criminal records, are ineligible to serve as a cannabis commissioner or executive director.

Propst also had issues with a previous Senate amendment on the bill that increased the number of cannabis commissioners to nine—five for Saipan and two each for Rota and Tinian. Propst noted on his social media account that he is eyeing an amendment to reduce it to five.

Propst also noted in his account that he is working with Rep. Vinson Sablan (Ind-Saipan) on amendments to the cannabis bill.

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[residents]," he said, adding that only the CNMI government has the authority to impose taxes on commodities consumed by its residents.

Deleon Guerrero compared imposing taxes on liquid fuel transshipped through Guam intended for residents of the CNMI, the Marshall Islands, and the Federated States of Micronesia to the taxes imposed by the British colony on tea back in the 1770s, when the U.S. was under British rule, ultimately sparking the

American Revolution.

"If it's not intended for [the Guam] market, then that is, in my opinion, taxing without representation—we don't get to vote for the leaders of Guam; we have no say in who their leaders are," he said.

At the Micronesia Island Forum in late April 2018, Micronesian leaders, along with members of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures, agreed that such a tax would be detrimental to the region, since all liquid fuel goes through Guam. Deleon Guerrero told Saipan Tribune that a letter from the MIF to the Guam Legislature underscored its opposition to the bill. Deleon Guerrero noted

that if taxes are imposed on fuel by the Guam government, then fuel prices for RMI, FSM, and the CNMI would skyrocket since fees associated with transshipping goods through Guam are also imposed, such as a stevedoring fee, transshipping fee, storage fee, onloading and off-loading fees, among many others.

"If we have our own taxes and, on top of that, Guam taxes, [fuel prices would skyrocket]. It would affect everything," said Deleon Guerrero. "We have no say

Teregeyo said that they had

already issued IPI a notice of

intent to award the Mariana Re-

sort & Spa lot and other proper-

"There's one thing that we

ties leased by Kan Pacific.

go through the Legislature,' said Teregeyo.

forward any document to the Legislature since they are still working with IPI on the some of the issues that they have concerns with. "They've [IPI] been given a notice of intent to award, so we just need some documents to be [fulfilled] then we'll submit it to the Legislature."

Teregeyo added the property leased by Kan Pacific is the only public land where a hotel is being operated while others that are being developed are on private land. "The new hotels that are coming up are being built on private land. We don't interfere with private land but that's great that they're checking private land properties."

MHS

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zone and we do not limit the number of students registering. However, we did set a deadline for registration [last Thursday]," Cabrera said.

"This [registration] ensures students can get the best selection of classes and ample time to be added into our school database. Students who are out-

of-zone or who live outside our school zone must request a 'waiver' to [PSS] acting interim commissioner Jackie A. Quitugua, if they are requesting their child to attend MHS."

"Letters to request for waivers for out-of-zone students may be dropped off at MHS. We forward all requests to the Commissioner's Office and [they] work to give parents a timely response," added Cabrera.

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land leases, which is set to end in December 2021. Hyatt general manager Nick Nishikawa has conveyed their company's intention to continue operating on the island.

Teregeyo said she could not give any update yet on Hyatt's status, but they have been meeting with the hotel's management led by Nishikawa. Their last meeting was three months ago.

"We did inform him [Nishikawa], because at that time [Senate Bill] 20-35 hasn't passed yet. We told him that we would still hold a [request for proposal]," Teregeyo told Saipan Tribune yesterday.

S.B. 20-35, introduced by Senate President Arnold I.

Palacios (R-Saipan), would amend the current law to increase the term of public land leases up to 40 years plus an extension of up to over 35 years—for a total of 75 years.

S.B. 20-35 is currently awaiting action at the Senate committee after passing the House with amendments. The bill is with the Senate Committee on Resources, Economic Development, and Programs chaired by Sen. Francisco M. Borja (R-Tinian).

Teregeyo said that they informed Hyatt officials that they still have time to prepare, that DPL would still issue an RFP. "Hvatt, if they are to bid. would be able to prepare and put in the new investments that they want to. The Hyatt flag itself has committed to continue [operating] here but they still have to bid, though."

need to clear: the properties were bid out in 2014, and were bid out for the whole year," she said. "In 2016, when the bid ended, we only had IPI that submitted a bid. No one else did, not even Kan Pacific. So we are negotiating with them [IPI] and I've given them a notice of intent to award, but we have not awarded them [the property] because there

However, DPL won't be the agency that would sign the lease agreement once the deal is sealed. "It will be the Legislature, because that's a big property. Anything over

are still a couple of things that

they need to [fulfill]."

50,000 square meters has to

She said DPL has yet to

Man cleared of resisting police arrest

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

The Superior Court acquitted Friday a man accused of resisting arrest by police officers who responded to his house in Susupe for alleged domestic violence involving his wife.

The prosecution has failed to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that Scott Patrick Owen committed the crime of resisting arrest, according

to be guilty of resisting arrest, the government must show that he willfully resisted, delayed, or obstructed the police officers from doing their job,

In acquitting Owen, Camacho said the length of time

Krise to begin term as UoG president

MANGILAO, Guam—Dr. Thomas Krise will start his term as the 11th president of the University of Guam on

The university's board of regents selected Krise, a retired Air Force officer who served as president of Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington, to succeed Dr. Robert Underwood as the university's head.

Krise will serve as the chief executive officer of the

university for five years with an annual base salary of \$210,000. He will be given a housing and automobile allowance and the ability to travel for UOG business.



His performance will be reviewed by the BOR on an annual basis. In addition. the university will cover the costs for his relocation, along with his spouse, Patricia.

Underwood will remain employed with the university until Aug. 25 and will be completing key projects and assisting with the transition.

Underwood started his tenure in 2008 and is the longestserving UOG president.

"It is my pleasure to welcome Dr. Krise to Guam and to UOG. The foundation of our university is strong, the faculty and the staff are ready to continue to move the institution forward. I'm confident Dr. Krise will utilize his extensive executive and academic expertise to move the university to a new chapter of success. I ask our students, faculty, and staff to show Dr. Krise the same support that they have given to me this past decade," said Underwood.

This is an exciting time for UOG. Dr. Underwood has positioned the university to make an even bigger impact locally, regionally, and internationally. Under Dr. Krise's leadership, UOG will take steps to realize its new potential. As we move forward, the board of regents will continue to govern a university that supports the preparation of our students to contribute meaningfully to society, and to support the research and development of our faculty and staff for the adto Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho.

For the 41-year-old Owen Camacho said.

between telling Owen he was

vancement of our community and our region," said board

chair Elizabeth C. Gayle. Krise was one of 60 applicants for the position of UOG president. A search committee was formed to narrow the pool of candidates to four finalists.

Krise, along with three other finalists, participated in a series of forums with UOG students, faculty, staff, administrators and the public. After extensive deliberations, Krise was selected by the BOR.

> "I'm honored to become a part of the university community, thankful to the board of regents for their confidence in me, and I look forward to listening and learning UOG's rich story from the

students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends who have made it what it is and set it on the path to greatness. UOG is a unique institution with the distinctive purpose of serving the people of Guam and the whole Micronesian region. Dr. Underwood's leadership has been inspiring and I look forward to building on his tremendous legacy. My wife, Patty, and I are excited to become Tritons and contribute to the university's mission: Ina, Diskubre, Setbe-to Enlighten, to Discover, and to Serve," said Krise.

Krise is a graduate of All Saints Cathedral School in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. He also graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy and holds a Ph.D. in English from the University of Chicago.

Prior to serving as PLU president, Krise served as dean of arts and sciences at the University of the Pacific, as chair of the English department at the University of Central Florida, and as a Fulbright scholar at the University of the West Indies in Jamaica.

He also served 22 years on active duty in the Air Force, retiring with the rank of lieutenant colonel. He served on the faculty of the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, as a senior military fellow of the Institute for National Strategic Studies in Washington, and as vice director of the National Defense University Press in Washington. (UOG)

under arrest and the handcuffs being placed on his hands lasted about three to five minutes.

"Owen's hands were on the bed. Owen did not strike or kick, or otherwise physically harm or attempt to harm any officer. Owen did not threaten any officer with harm," Camacho said.

Nor did Owen barricade himself to prevent his arrest nor did he attempt to flee, Camacho said, noting that the most Owen did was to yell profanities at the officers.

As a former police officer himself, Camacho said he understands how it feels to

work in a profession that is often criticized, underappreciated, or being hated for just doing their job.

However, the judge said, every officer understands that the profession requires them to act professionally, even when members of the public are screaming profanities or are being disrespectful.

He said police officers undergo training at the police academy to toughen themselves and be professional and not take things personally.

"The job requires that officers protect all members of the community, including people like Owen," Camacho said.

In doing their job, Camacho

said, a police officer must be professional and remember their training. "This is what it means to serve the public, to put the law and the people above your own personal feelings," he said.

The Office of the Attorney General had charged Owen with resisting arrest.

The bench trial started last Thursday and continued to Friday.

Assistant attorney general Charles Lee called to the witness stand two police officers and Owen's wife.

After the wife completed her testimony, the prosecution rested its case. Owen was represented by Chief Public Defender Douglas Hartig and assistant public defender Jean Pierre Nogues.

Police officer Rodolfo Hermosilla testified that he responded to an emergency call on Jan. 18, 2018, at Owen's residence of in Susupe.

Hermosilla testified that, at the scene, after receiving preliminary information, he informed Owen that he was under arrest.

Police learned from the wife that Owen threw things in their house after he got mad.

Last November, police arrested Owen for allegedly attacking a group of Chinese men playing mahjong in San







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Senator bats for separate board to oversee casino labor

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On top of the Commonwealth Casino Commission and the Lottery Commission, a separate board is being proposed to oversee the casino's labor a separate board to oversee the owner Imperial Pacific Interforce

In an email to members of the Lottery Commission and Casino Commission members, Sen. Paul Manglona (R-Rota) recommends setting up of an unnamed individual.

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ply for admission, contact

the NMC Office of Admis-

sions and Records at 237-

6768/6769/6771 or visit www.

marianas.edu. (NMC)

Financial aid for NMC's fall semester

There are still financial aid opportunities available to help qualified Northern Marianas College students pay for tuition, books, and other educational expenses.

These financial aid programs will be discussed in the information session scheduled for today, July 31, 2018, and on Thursday, Aug. 2, 2018.

Both sessions will be held from 5:30pm to 6:30pm at NMC's Café Proa near the NMC Bookstore.

Those who attend the information session will also qualify to have their application fee and their placement test fees waived for NMC's fall 2018 semester a savings of about \$75.

In addition to admissions and financial aid opportunities, the college will also be shar-

ing information about degree programs offered at NMC, the Prior Learning Assessment program, and other topics.

Roundtrip shuttle service will also be provided from Tanapag and Kagman on each day that the information session is held. Pick up times from Tanapag Middle School and the Kagman Market will be at 4:30pm, and the return dropoff time from NMC back to Tanapag and Kagman will be at 7pm. There is no fee for the shuttle service.

NMC offers several degree and certificate programs, including a bachelor of science degree in education (emphasis in elementary education, early childhood education, special education, or rehabilitation and human services), bachelor of science casino, at the recommendation

Manglona suggests that the government set up an independent monitoring mech-

contractors. In a separate interview, Manglona told Saipan Tribune that this would ensure IPI's compliance with labor laws and regulations. "It would be good to put people in there that are experienced and knowledgeable with labor issues," he said, adding that this

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bor and safety regulations of

the casino licensee and their

According to Manglona, the proposed board would cover all employees involved in the casino construction or related fields, regardless if IPI hired them directly or through contractor.

is a mere recommendation.

The board would regulate

grievance procedures, where workers will be able to submit questions, suggestion, or complaints to an independent third party.

The board would also be inspecting construction sites, living quarters, and other areas through "unannounced audits" as well as conducting worker trainings on the rights of workers, including wage and hour laws, health and safety, visa and immigration rights, and grievance procedures.

The cost for the board's operation is approximately \$350,000 annually, which IPI is expected to shoulder.

"During the garment industry period, I personally introduced legislation, Senate Bill 11-98...to address this similar

issue. However, the garment association created its own monitoring system through a code of conduct to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations," wrote Manglona in his email to the Lottery Commission and the Casino Commission, adding that he agrees that an independent monitoring board to ensure compliance with labor and safety regulations must be set up.

"With the negative publicity Saipan and its casino industry have been getting, this will significantly improve the image of our paradise island and most importantly enhance our standards for the treatment of workers, working conditions, and living," he continued.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Karidat re-opens

Karidat is officially open for business once again. We have received our permits and the telephone lines are in. We would like to thank everyone for their patience during our move to our new office. Karidat is now

located at the Sister Remedios Community Center, the former Sister Remedios Pre-School building on Chalan Kanoa Drive, in Chalan Kanoa Village. Our telephone numbers remain the same, 234-6981. (PR)

PARS meeting today

The Pacific Association for Radiation Survivors will be holding their general membership meeting today, July 31. 2018. from 6:30pm to 9:30pm at the Tamuning Senior Citizen Community Center. The general members meeting is open to the public.

For more information, contact Robert Celestial at 688-7277. (PR)

Military training at Warning Area 517, FDM ASAN, Guam—The U.S. at Warning Area 517 during the following dates and times: ■ July 31, from 11am to

military will conduct training

■ Aug. 1-2, from 3pm to 11pm.

The military will also conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla on Aug. 3-5, from 10am to 10pm.

It is recommended the general public, fishermen and marine tour operators monitor the Coast Guard broadcast notice to mariners for advisories.

W-517 is activated south of latitude 12° 40' 00"N. Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Banks are open for public use.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be in a 12-nautical mile radius of the island. (PR)



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QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS RFP MAY CONTACT MR. ASCHUMAR KODEP OGUMORO-ULUDONG DIRECTOR OF OPD, VIA EMAIL TO: <u>Kodep.uludong@gov.mp</u>. NO LATER THAN THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS **AUGUST 10, 2018.**

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COMMONWEALTH LOTTERY COMMISSION **PUBLIC NOTICE**

A Special Meeting of the Commonwealth Lottery Commission will be held at 9:00 a.m., on Thursday, August 2, 2018 in the conference room at the Juan Sablan Memorial Building on Capitol Hill, Saipan. The public is invited to attend.

The following is the proposed agenda:

- Call to Order
- Roll Call/Determination of Quorum
- III. **Public Comment**
- **Adoption of Agenda**
- **Adoption of Minutes**
- **New Business** VI.
 - A. Amendments to Casino License Agreements
 - 1. Live Training Facility
 - To allow to continue operation of the Marpi facility
 - To allow to open Phase Development in Stages
- **Executive Session**
- Adjournment

For further information, please contact the Lottery Commission by telephone through the Office of the Finance Secretary at 664-1100.



NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION

INVITATION FOR BID

NMHC IFB 2018-007

BID SUBMISSION DATE: Thursday, July 26, 2018 TIME: 10:30 AM

Purchase of Insurance for NMHC's Offices and Residential Units in Saipan, Tinian, and Rota

Bid packets will be available on June 25, 2018, at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan, during regular working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Monday thru Friday except CNMI holidays.

The provisions of the CNMI Procurement regulations, NMIAC 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 Prohibiting Gratuities, Kickbacks and Contingent Fees shall apply

A Mandatory Pre-Bid conference will be held at 10:00 a.m. on July 5, 2018, at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan. All questions regarding this IFB must be submitted in writing to Mr. Jesse S. Palacios, Corporate Director, NMHC, Saipan, fax to (670)234-9021, email at <u>iimuna@nmhc.gov.mp</u>, no later than 10 a.m., July 06, 2018. Response to questions shall be shared with all bidders.

For more information, contact Mr. Jacob Muna, Acting Office Manager, at (670)234-6866/7689 during regular business hours, 7:30 a.m. -4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except CNMI holidays.

/s/ Aubry Hocog Chairwoman. **NMHC Board of Directors**

/s/ Herman S. Sablan Director. **Division of Procurement & Supply**



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RFP18-CHCC/CGC-009 SUBMISSION DEADLINE: AUGUST 13, 2018 TIME: 11:00AM

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<u>/S/ ESTHER L. MUNA</u> CHCC CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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Become a Reading Ranger at the AMP

Reading Rangers is a youth reading program at American Memorial Park. The program highlights a variety of books that touch on the park's mission to honor the American and Marianas people who gave their lives during the Marianas Campaign of World War II.

In August, Saipan youth are invited to be part of two different Reading Ranger events:

■ Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes by Eleanor Coerr

Kindergarten 3rd Grade: Aug. 4, from 9am to 11:30am - 4th-6th Grade: Aug. 4 and Aug. 11, from 2pm to 4:30pm (for 4th-6th graders, this is a two-day program. Please plan to have your readers join us on both Aug.

4 and again on Aug. 11). Readers will explore the life of young Sadako. This book tells the story of a girl from Hiroshima who becomes sick with leukemia in the years after the atom bomb was dropped and her race to fold 1,000 paper cranes. After reading the book, participants will engage in fun learning activities and learn about the story's connections to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the park. Students will also help to fold 1,000 paper

cranes that will be sent to the Children's Peace Memorial in Hiroshima Japan, in recognition of World Peace Day.

■ *The Unbreakable Code* by Sara Hoagland

- Kindergarten-4th Grade: Aug. 14, from 9:30am to 11:30am and Aug. 18, from 9:30am to 11:30am

Tuesday, Aug. 14, is Navajo Code Talker Day. To remember the incredible story of the Navajo people and their important role during World War II, American Memorial Park is inviting young readers to participate in this year's second Reading Ranger selection. During each session children will be guided through The Unbreakable Code by Sara Hoagland and have the opportunity to participate in fun and educational activities focused on the lessons of the story.

Pre-registration is not required. To participate, simply come down to the American Memorial Park Visitor Center on the date and time of the session you would like to attend.

For more information on events at American Memorial Park, contact lead ranger Brooke Nevitt at 234-7207 x 2020 or via email at brooke_ nevitt@nps.gov. (NPS)

United donates ticket to US for Green Gala

Airlines and their commitment

to MINA to assist us in fulling

our mission. This [roundtrip

United Airlines has again signed on as a sponsor of Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance's Green Gala by donating one roundtrip ticket from Saipan to any destination in the United States via Honolulu.

The prize ticket will be raffled at the event on Sept. 14 at the Hibiscus Hall of the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.

The donation makes United Airlines an emerald sponsor.

"We are very excited by the

ticket] will definitely add to the excitement of the event," said Fran Castro, MINA board chair. "We are grateful for United Airlines' generosity and their support."

"MINA is at the forefront of environmental stewardship, and we appreciate the work that they do for the commu-

LED Campaign on Saturday

The Department of Public Works, through the Energy Division Office, will be holding the 2018 Saipan Energy Awareness Light Emitting Diode Campaign on Saturday, Aug. 4, 2018, from 8am to 11am at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center.

Through the Energy, Education, Efficiency and Conservation Program, DPW will be distributing 12 LED light bulbs to each residential household. Items will be issued on a firstcome, first-served basis and while supplies lasts.

This event will demonstrate the increased energy savings by using LED's, and replacing all incandescent or compact fluorescent lights.

This promotion is only available to residential consumers who must provide most recent utility billing and valid identification. Residents must be present to avail of this promotion. If, for any reason the account holder is unable to make it, he/she must provide an authorization letter to the one they authorized to avail of this promotion. The authorized individual cannot be a person who is also receiving LED lamps for themselves. Residents whose landlord is on a utility billing must also provide a copy of the lease agreement.

For questions or information regarding this promotion, contact Maile Iakopo at 664-4480/4.

Funding opportunity for this project was possible through a grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Energy - State Energy Program. (PR)

continued support of United nities of the Marianas," said Paula Monk, United Airlines senior sales manager-Guam and Micronesia. "United Airlines is proud to have served the Marianas for 50 years as

its hometown carrier, and returning as an emerald sponsor of the Green Gala is one way that we can help support MI-NA's recycling efforts and the valuable work they do to keep the islands clean and beautiful for generations to come." (PR)

MINA Green Gala tickets now on sale

Tickets are now on sale for Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance's largest fundraiser of the year, the Green Gala, slated for Sept. 14, 2018, at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan's Hibiscus Hall, starting at 6pm. The price of admission is \$75 per person.

Proceeds of the event support MINA's ongoing work that strives to conserve the diverse natural resources of the CNMI. This year is even more special, as MINA celebrates the International Year of the Reef and the community members who work to sustain the natural environment and ensure the island way of life.

The leading nonprofit conservation organization in the Commonwealth, MINA successfully implements and executes various environmental awareness outreach projects, and also continues the Plastic Bag Challenge, Schools for Environmental Conservation workshops, Tasi Watch Program, and the recycling Adopt-A-Bin Program. Strong support from the community

makes the continuation of all these projects possible.

The highlight of the Green Gala will be the Green Awards presentation, recognizing an individual, business, and school group for exemplary leadership in conservation. In addition, there will be numerous door prizes, a grand raffle prize courtesy of United Airlines of a roundtrip airline ticket to the U.S. via Honolulu, a variety of handicrafts and special packages on the silent auction table, a no-host bar and bottle service, and special entertainment celebrating IYOR.

In anticipation of another sold-out event, organizers are encouraging those who plan to attend to purchase their tickets early, either at the MINA office in Gualo Rai or from any of the volunteer board members.

To become a sponsor and/ or volunteer, and for more information on the Green Gala, or MINA's various projects, contact 233-REEF (7333), or email minaoutreach@gmail. com. (MINA)



2018 Sanpoen Group Toro Nagashi Ceremony



Sanpoen students stand at the back to join in the prayers.



Sanpoen group coordinator Kamsho Kayaki, left, recites prayers while Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang listens.



Shinto-Buddhist priest Kamsho Kayaki, left, leads the ceremony as Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang prepares to light up an incense.



JON PERI

Lanterns were lined up before the start of the ceremony.



JON PEREZ

The Taro Nagashi Lantern Ceremony started with prayers for the spirits of the dead.

Shinto-Buddhist priest Kamsho Kayaki checks the direction of the waves before setting the lanterns out to sea.

Shinto-Buddhist priest Kamsho Kayaki

leads the ritual.

'We must protect what we have now'



JON PEREZ

Senate seats for Saipan, said

that only 25 percent of the

CNMI population felt the lo-

cal economy improve, leav-

ing 65 percent behind in the

poverty line-a claim that

Saying he respects Hof-

schneider but questions his

allegation. "He's an intelligent

guy. But when he said that, did

he present facts? Did he show

statistics? I don't see that and I

listened to him on Facebook. I

didn't see any presentation of

statistics and data that backs

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backed by data. Traceable,

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still some residents who are

unemployed. "Yes, there are

still people that are still unem-

ployed or need jobs, but [that's

their] choice. If they want a

He admits that there are

"When the governor comes

Reyes questions.

his statement."

Former Senate floor leader Sen. Pete P. Reyes, left, and former lieutenant governor Diego T. Benavente answers questions from reporters after announcing their support of the GOP ticket of incumbent Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and his running mate for lieutenant governor, Senate President Arnold I. Palacios.

By JON PEREZ

jon_perez@saipantribune.com REPORTER

As the lieutenant governor back then under former governor Juan N. Babauta, Diego T. Benavente remembers what life was like more than 10 years ago when the CNMI economy went south.

"I was also at fault back then. Include me [among] those who had failed," Benavente told reporters in Thursday's news briefing when he and former senator Pete P. Reyes announced their support of the GOP ticket of incumbent Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and his running mate Senate President Arnold I. Palacios (R-Saipan).

Reyes is an adviser in the local Republican Party, while Benavente is a GOP national committee member.

Now that the CNMI economy is recovering, Benavente said it is important to protect that recovery and to continue the progress that has been made.

"There's a lot of things to be said that we have now that we need to protect versus what happened in the past," he said. "Am I making things up? Am I lying about the things that I'm saying? Of what we experienced and what we went through and the struggles of our people? Now, there's progress that has been made and we see the improvements in people's lives."

Benavente said he was first elected in 1990 when the CNMI budget was only \$60 million and saw it increase to \$240 million in 1997 when he was the House speaker. The CNMI, however, failed to foresee the future and had no safety net when things become rough.

"Those [1990s] were great years. The mistake that we did was we didn't save for the rainy day. When the rainy day came, we all suffered. And that to me, if I were to look back, was the biggest mistake I made," he said.

It is, thus, important for people to remember the struggles back then, he said. "I hope our people won't forget what was life like more than 10 years ago. For some reason, our people in the CNMI take things for granted and we forget easily. What we're doing is reminding the people that let's not take things for granted."

Reyes, who was in the CNMI Senate during those times, also remembers. "I remember how hard life was that time. The 64-hour work, cutting down employment. Those were hard times. I don't know anyone in the Commonwealth, including the critics, that ever looked back and see those kinds of difficult times and comparing to what we have right now."

"You have to be blind not to see that comparison," Reyes said.

The former senator pointed out that one cannot deny the achievements of the current administration. "I don't think that somebody would come out and say 'What he has done?' He's done much that's visible and not hidden that people could question. People can see progress. He wants to prevent any hardship for our people and he has done it."

Some critics of the administration, Reyes said, point out that a lack of employment even without presenting facts. "But what did this government do? They presented facts and here are the employment records that hire locals to the workforce. All are based on factual data.

Data presented by the administration saw a 27.7-percent increase of U.S. citizens being hired in the workforce.

"When they said there's a problem with employment, di they present data and facts? It was just...an irresponsible statement. It tends to disrupt the progress that's being made," added Reves.

Former House speaker Heinz S. Hofschneider, who is gunning for one of the two job, they can get one since there are many job opportunities now."

Reyes said guest workers are only temporary since the long-term goal is to train locals to enter the workforce. "Why do we need CW workers? Because jobs are not being filled.

We don't need CW workers forever, because we hope that they would train our people to replace them once we have the human resources."

"That's why we're supporting [the Northern Marianas Trades Institute] 100 percent, because they are actually producing workers and these people are getting out and getting employed. Their rate of success is very high. [The Northern Marianas College] is also producing nurses at a very high rate, nurses that pass the [licensure exams] in one take. These are measurable results."







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China bullies the friendly skies

e're searching for a description of the Chinese government's behavior and can't decide among bullying, extortion or coercion. The White House went with "Orwellian nonsense." Geopolitical chutzpah also comes to mind.

What Beijing did was demand that international airlines—including United, American and Delta—change their websites to pretend Taipei is no longer the capital of Taiwan.

Because China claims Taiwan as Chinese territory, it doesn't want to see any references contradicting that assertion. Therefore, book a flight on United and Taipei seems to float in space because "Taiwan" has been deleted from the listing. At some foreign airlines, including British Airways and Air France, China's conquest of Taiwan appears complete. Both carriers list Taipei as a city in "Taiwan, China."

This is a symbolic power move by China. It has the feel of Cold War-era propaganda, but let's not dismiss it as simply playing games with maps. China is a rising military power with long-term ambitions to challenge the United States in the Pacific. Look at the South China Sea and you'll find the Chinese have done more than monkey with place names: The People's Liberation Army dredged sand to create islands with military installations in order to bolster claims of sovereignty over an expanse of ocean with crucial shipping lanes.

Taiwan as a potential flashpoint dates to the 1949 Chinese revolution. As communist forces took control, the Nationalists-led by Chiang Kai-shek-fled across the strait to Taiwan, which developed separately. Beijing never relinquished its claim, while Taiwan never proclaimed independence, leaving the island with an intentionally fuzzy identity. Taiwan is a self-ruled democracy, a key trading partner with both the U.S. and China, and it has a security relationship with the United States. But officially, Washington has diplomatic relations with Beijing, not Taipei. The status quo is odd, yet it works.

Then every once in a while China tries to assert domiance, by, say, demanding that airlines change their references to Taiwan. Europeans meekly obliged. U.S. carriers tried holding out, but China could strip them of landing rights on the mainland or banish them from websites there. Fighting back would take a bigger effort by the U.S. government and U.S. business.

If China believes so strongly in symbolic actions, then let's make the message clear: Bullying airlines into fudging Taiwan's identity is an act of political aggression. American executives trying to do business on the mainland know they should be mistrustful of the Chinese government. Now they'll get an extra reminder each time they consult a route map of Asia.

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A farewell to arms

rnest Hemingway interpreted the word "arms" as the instruments of war (though this was more of the rifle and the sidearm rather than the nuclear instruments of the U.S. and Russia) and the embracing arms of a beloved. Our farewell is on the second since in context we head for China to join the "arms" of my wife who left Saipan before Christmas of 2017. Ours then is the emotional farewell to the "arms" we left behind.

Just so we were fair, my current Xiaoyan included, I was married seven times, divorced six times. Mary Lou Brunkow and I lasted for more than 19 years, then I quit. Patricia Jordan of US-AID and I lasted 10 years, then she quit on me. Deborah Thompson came to teach in the CNMI and married me when I came to Saipan but she was eager to leave and I was not, so we quit on each other by default. All the three were Caucasians, so I went Asian and would have considered a Pinay but no one would take me.

A Zhongguoren did, and I had been with Zhongguo (China, to the West) ever since. The list would have begun and ended with Yuan Yinghua who married me on Saipan in April 2001, and we took the train on a 28-hour wonderful ride from Hong Kong to Beijing, but we did not have a life of our own unless it was blessed and led by Yinghua's elder sister, and that posed a problem. Then I got pastorally enamored (at first) with a nurse whose group was on a flight with me headed for Saipan for their NCLEX, and the group came to the Resource Center one day as their sponsor had not been able in their minds to offer the assistance they needed.

Yinghua and I parted, and Qian Xinyi walked into the gap, 36 years my junior. She aced her NMC course and passed her NCLEX, said goodbye five years later, and married the immigration officer. She was a determined professional, got her doctorate and became a nurse practitioner in California. Zhou Yun was 24 years my junior but she had problems with her English and given to volatile emotional explosions when frustrated. She came from Jiangsu north of Shanghai, and I visited her town, but if Zhou Yun had problems with English, it was nonexistent in her relations. She left me after more than a year, but she stayed on Saipan. Eight years, three loves, and I survived though heartbroken at every turn.

Xiaoyan married a guy in New York who came to her home in Shenyang and petitioned for her and her son joining them in the U.S. Guangzhou decided to decline the visa application, so she came to Saipan to meet her husband and he did not show up. I went to New York not too long after, and found out that the husband suffered from a neuro-cardio vascular condition and in a care home. Had he come to Saipan, they would have been stretched and the relationship strained for the island did not have the medical facility he needed and Xiaoyan was neither inclined nor in a medical position to care for him, on Saipan, or in New York. He filed for divorce, and as soon as it was granted, he died.

Meanwhile, having led the Oleai Marianas Resource Center of the United Methodist Church in various causes, including that of the abuse of imported garment factory workers, I visited former

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the Saipan Tribune. clients in China, and met Xiaoyan's parents, brother and wife

with son, and her own son.

Nursing a cervical spondylosis, I got a good non-surgical attention in China; discovered pedagogical challenge at the Education Center in Shenyang Aerospace U, found a great host in Xiaoyan's family. They were investing in a new dwelling; I was offered a third of the space for a seventh of the cost that served as my residence for my remaining years. They warmly welcomed me into their fold. The daughter (who returned from Saipan to Shenyang 2010), her son and I legally constituted a family in 2010. After four years of a «marriage of convenience,"

we made it covenantal.

The decision on the dwelling occurred while I was still gainfully employed until 2013. China under President Xi Jinping went by the books on everything to combat corruption. One item on the book was that foreign teachers were not going to be older than 65 years of age. The foreign office denied my working visa in November 2013. I was a good three years past the bend.

Xiaoyan and her son, Yunpeng, came to Saipan to live with me. Xiaoyan's brother and mother came, too, and though it was fall going into winter on Saipan, my brother-in-law hardly wore a shirt. It was hot by their standards. Mother-in-law at 78 was widowed last year. Of age, she needed tending to as well. So when Xiaoyan went home, she automatically fitted the role. She evidently could no longer return to Saipan.

So, guess who travelled. I left Saipan for Hong Kong on my way to Shenyang. I had five days visiting on the "Olopai Park" by the lagoon, the one with the Micronesian catamaran under repairs (the Taipo), and the scattered numerous one-outrigger proa of Pacific island's navigation. I stayed with the old friend on Saipan, even as he entertained a visiting Japanese friend Ken of Hawaii but resided and retired in Japan. They both sailed to Satawal. Ken will return and maybe, since he lived in Japan, they might make a trip into Zhengzhou in Henan, China in the near future. Ironically, their host's daughter, born in Zhengzhou and left when she was 4, did not have any desire to see her birthplace at all at 12. I left Sunday; will not return ever again.

It had been good, Saipan!

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Having a personal following is the new key to political success

When people lose faith in institutions (political parties, organized religion, etc.) they don't become cynics or nihilists, they simply transfer their faith to people. Specifically, two kinds of people: themselves and charismatic celebrities.

The first category seems rather obvious to me. There's always been an acute independent streak in Americans. "You're not the boss of me," "go with your gut" and "who are you to judge (me)?" could be national mottos.

But it seems to me that we've passed some kind of tipping point. I don't know when it happened, but the trend stretches back a long way. Some might want to start the timeline in the radicalism of the 1960s or the selfishness of the "Me Decade" 1970s. Others might lay blame on the alleged greed of the 1980s. The point is that Americans, regardless of ideology, are more inclined to go with their own moral or political instincts than to rely on experts or defer to institutions.

The consequences of this cultural revolution are a familiar lament for many conservatives. Self-esteem is valued over selfdiscipline. Regular church attendance has been in steady decline (the numbers are debated, the trend is not), while the number of people who say they are "spiritual but not religious" has been steadily growing. According to the Pew Research Center, 27 percent of Americans describe themselves this way. In other words, a growing number of Americans haven't lost their religious sensibility—for want of a better word—they've simply decided they can be their own priests, as it were.

In short, our understanding of the world has become increasingly personalized, governed by our own judgments, instincts

Which brings me to that other category of people: charismatic

celebrities. From Oprah Winfrey to Jordan Peterson, Americans seem less interested in putting trust in institutional "brands" and more interested in following the advice of charismatic people with whom they've formed a personal bond.

When I use the term "charismatic," I don't mean the colloquial sense of "charming." Originally, a charismatic leader was a king, general or prophet who seemed to be imbued with, or anointed by, divine authority. ("Charisma" comes from the Greek "Kharisma," meaning "gifted with grace.")

German sociologist Max Weber updated the term. Charismatic leaders, he wrote, have a "certain quality of an individual personality, by virtue of which he is set apart from ordinary men and treated as endowed with supernatural, superhuman, or at least specifically exceptional powers or qualities."

In contemporary America, and perhaps throughout history everywhere, the hallmark of a charismatic leader is the ability to form a personal relationship with his or her followers. People invest their faith in the leader, not in the formal institutions or organizations that traditionally serve as gatekeepers or validators of ideas or programs.

Today, political leaders—along with celebrity "influencers" from all manner of vocations—have discovered that the key to success isn't in a particular platform or institution, but in having a personal following.

Institutions no longer fight to fend off mavericks or upstarts, they now try to attract them.

Political parties are late arrivals to this trend. Historically, they served as gatekeepers and validators of candidates. That's no longer really the case.

Indeed, one of the great ironies of today's America is that while partisanship is perhaps the defining feature of our politics,

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the parties themselves have never been weaker.

Barack Obama was an insurgent in the Democratic Party who in effect stole the nomination from the establishment choice, Hillary Clinton, in 2008. The key to his success: He was a charismatic leader who ostentatiously ran as a kind of secular redeemer. Obama's supporters invested staggering confidence in his personality. Some of the rhetoric about him could be described as parody if people weren't so serious about it. Deepak Chopra insisted that Obama's campaign amounted to a "quantum leap in American consciousness." Barbara Walters later confessed that "we thought he was going to be ... the next messiah."

Similarly, in 2016, the Republican Party establishment was simply too weak to compete with the power of Donald Trump's personal relationship with a plurality of voters (and now, it seems, with much of the party's rank and file). Ann Coulter's latest book title makes the point: "In Trump We Trust."

I suspect this dynamic will define much of our politics—and our culture—long after Trump, because he was a symptom of this trend, not the author of it.

Beach reading for wonks

ugust is supposed to be the month you manage a vacation escape from the real or surreal world, including Trumpmania. But for those who can't let go and still schlep

wonky books to the beach, here are my picks for relevant reading this summer, with a focus on democracy, Russia—and Shakespeare.

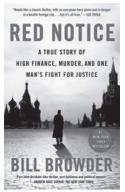
If the subject matter seems too depressing, you can always retreat to your favorite mystery novel. Given the state of the world and our country, you may want to read on.

Because readers often ask me what to read about Vladimir Putin's Russia and/or election meddling, here's a Russia list that goes beyond the headlines.



■ "Nothing is True and Everything Is Possible: The Surreal **Heart of the New Russia,"** by Peter Pomerantsev. This 2014 book (out in paperback) by a Russian-born British journalist reads like fiction but brilliantly portrays the dystopian Putin era, with a cast of oligarchs, Mafioso and lost souls. "Surreal" is the operative word as Pomerantsev takes a job in the Russian TV industry and describes from the inside how state-controlled media mix fact

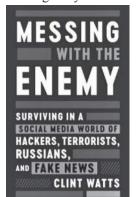
and fiction to manipulate Russian minds. Funny, frightening, and too close for comfort.



■ "Red Notice: A True Story of **High Finance, Murder and One Man's Fight for Justice,"** by Bill Browder. This American-born financier, once a major investor in Russia, fought rampant government corruption under Putin. In revenge, Kremlin cronies arrested his Russian lawyer, Sergei Magnitsky, who was murdered in prison. Browder crusaded for a U.S. law, the Magnitsky act, which sanctioned those responsible for the murder. Putin has been trying—via the

famous Trump Tower meeting with Donald Trump Jr. and at

the Helsinki summit with Trump—to get the Magnitsky sanctions lifted. This thriller describes Browder's fight for justice for Magnitsky and describes how Putin's kleptocracy works.



Surviving in a Social Media World of Hackers, Terrorists, Russians and Fake News," by Clint Watts. A former FBI special agent and cybersecurity specialist, Watts lays out in gripping detail how Putin's Russia manipulated U.S. social media, and how others can do likewise. You may think you've read everything about Russian meddling, but Watts' book can still surprise you. It is a primer on the present and future of information warfare, the lack of effective pushback under Trump, and what needs to be done.

■ "Messing with the Enemy:

■ "Russian Roulette: The Inside Story of Putin's War on America and the Election of Donald Trump," by Michael Isikoff and David Corn. This book is a useful backgrounder for those who want to keep straight the cast of characters and history of the Mueller investigation. I still remain dubious that Russian meddling decided the 2016 election. But Putin clearly favored Trump and masterfully exploited America's internal **ELECTION OF DONALD TRUM!** weaknesses, and these investigative

reporters lay out all the details.

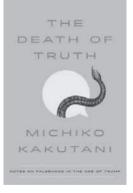
■ Turning to the home front, the deep dilemma of our times is dissected in "The Death of Truth: Notes on Falsehood in the Age of Trump" by Michiko Kakutani, the former chief book critic of the New York Times. At a time when objective reality seems a quaint concept, when social media blare bizarre conspiracy theories that many Americans take as gospel, and when a U.S. president damns real facts as "fake" while promoting fake news and falsehoods, we are in big trouble. The death of truth does indeed threaten democracy. As Kakutani puts it: "Without commonly agreed-upon facts

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there can be no rational debate over policies." Her book offers no miracle cure but does offer a fascinating and erudite look at how and why "truth" has become an endangered idea.

Of the several other current books on threats to democracy, I found "How Democracies Die," by Steven Levitsky and Daniel Ziblatt, the most intriguing. Its main focus is on the importance of democratic norms that form the basis of our system—

and are eroding. Other countries may enshrine democratic principles in their constitutions but that doesn't mean they are followed. What makes America different, these Harvard professors argue, is that its democracy developed norms of tolerance and of institutional forbearance, which allowed Congress and the courts to function. When those norms are attacked and die, democracy can't function.

Finally, if real politics sicken you, you can turn to "Tyrant: Shakespeare on Politics" by Stephen Greenblatt, who examines the bard's historical plays and the psyches of bad or mad rulers such as Richard III, Macbeth, Lear, and Coriolanus. With unmentioned reference to now, this Harvard University Shakespeare scholar describes how cynicism, opportunism, and demagoguery in Shakespeare's England fueled populist anger and led to the rise of tyrants. The comparisons may be a bit forced—one can use Shakespeare to illustrate almost any aspect of human nature—but the quotes are fun and the psychological insights are all too relevant.

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PICTURE TIME: 6:55 AM, MONDAY, JULY 30, 2018 WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC BETWEEN EQUATOR AND 25N FROM 130E TO 180.

No changes made to the forecast. The axis of the monsoon trough could be found well north of the Marianas north of 25N. A southwest monsoon wind flow covers the local area and will prevail through the coming week. Isolated showers and thunderstorms are expected today through Tuesday night. Slightly drier air will keep showers at a minimum Wednesday and Wednesday night. This brief dry spot will be short lived as models show increasing low-level convergence in the monsoon flow combined with deep-layer moisture starting Thursday. This will produce a greater chance of rainfall with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorm possible the second half of the week. GFS show wind speeds increasing Friday, although the ECMWF does not show much of an increase.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

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London	Partly Cloudy	77° / 57°
Los Angeles	Sunny	87° / 70°
Manila	Partly Cloudy	86° / 79°
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	57° / 43°
Miami	Thunderstorms	86° / 80°
New York	Cloudy	80° / 75°
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Business

Study: 'Medicare for all' bill estimated at \$32.6T

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Bernie Sanders' "Medicare for all" plan would increase government health care spending by \$32.6 trillion over 10 years, according to a study by a university-based libertarian policy center.

That's trillion with a "T."

The latest plan from the Vermont independent would require historic tax increases as government replaces what employers and consumers now pay for health care, according to the analysis being released Monday by the Mercatus Center at George Mason University in Virginia. It would deliver significant savings on administration and drug costs, but increased demand for care would drive up spending, the analysis found.

Sanders' plan builds on Medicare, the popular insurance program for seniors. All



U.S. residents would be covered with no copays and deductibles for medical services.

The insurance industry would be relegated to a minor role.

"Enacting something like

'Medicare for all' would be a transformative change in the size of the federal government," said Charles Blahous, the study's author. Blahous was a senior economic adviser to former President George W. Bush and a public trustee of Social Security and

administration. Responding to the study, Sanders took aim at the Mer-

Medicare during the Obama

catus Center, which receives funding from the conservative Koch brothers. Koch Industries CEO Charles Koch is on the center's board.

"If every major country on earth can guarantee health care to all, and achieve better health outcomes, while spending substantially less per capita than we do, it is absurd for anyone to suggest that the United States cannot

Sen. Bernie Sanders' "Medicare for all" plan would require historic tax increases as government replaces what employers and consumers now pay for health care.

do the same," Sanders said in a statement. "This grossly misleading and biased report is the Koch brothers response to the growing support in our country for a 'Medicare for all' program."

Sanders' office has not done a cost analysis, a spokesman said. However, the Mercatus estimates are within the range of other cost projections for Sanders' 2016 plan.

Sanders' staff found an error in an initial version of the Mercatus report, which counted a long-term care program that was in the 2016 proposal but not the current one. Blahous corrected it, reducing his estimate by about \$3 trillion over 10 years. Blahous says the report is his own work, not the Koch brothers'.

Also called "single-payer" over the years, "Medicare for all" reflects a long-time wish among liberals for a government-run system that covers all Americans.

Coworker's hostility calls for manager's intervention

O: Shortly after I started my new job, one of my coworkers apparently decided that she hates me. "Jane" never greets me in the morning and barely speaks to me during the day. Occasionally, she yells orders at me from across the room.

Recently, Jane brought candy to work for everyone but me. Another time, she ordered lunch for our group without asking if I wanted anything. Her dislike for me is obvious to everyone, including our customers.

If I try to find out what's wrong, Jane tells me to shut up and just walks away. My other coworkers are disturbed by her behavior, but they don't have any suggestions. Since Jane won't talk to me, how can I fix this?

A: Taking coworker squabbles to management is usually a bad idea, but given the circumstances, I think it's time to involve your boss. New hires should not be expected to handle hostile and aggressive colleagues nor should customers be subjected to the embarrassing behavior of childish staff members.

When presenting problem to your manager, calmly state the facts and stay focused on business issues.

For example: "Unfortunately, Jane appears to be very angry with me, though she refuses to say why. In fact, she hardly ever speaks to me at all. Her hostility not only makes coworkers uncomfortable, but also makes

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tomers. If you could find out why she's upset, we might be able to resolve the problem." Hopefully, your boss will

a bad impression on our cus-

act like a proper manager and firmly advise Jane that her juvenile behavior is completely unacceptable. At work, people must act like mature, professional adults regardless of their personal feelings.

Q: I have become somewhat skeptical about my new job. One week after I was hired, the woman I was replacing decided not to leave. My manager said she was moving me to a marketing communications position, which she felt was a better match for my abilities.

However, when I received the paperwork from human resources, my job was listed as "customer relations specialist." When I tried to correct this, the HR manager said that was just the official title in the system. Now I'm totally confused. Can they hire me for one job and then just put me anywhere they want?

A: While your skepticism is certainly understandable, this does not appear to be a "bait-and-switch" operation. When circumstances change unexpectedly, new hires will sometimes be placed in a different position. In the absence of a contract prohibiting such a move, your manager's decision was probably legitimate.

As for your shifting job title, your manager appears to be using a "working title" that is more specific than the official payroll designation. When diverse positions are grouped together in the classification system, working titles can communicate someone's actual duties more accurately.

For example, employees grouped under "human representative" resources might specialize in compensation, training, employee relations or a variety of other disciplines. A working title such as "compensation specialist" would more precisely convey their specific area of expertise.

So while the payroll system may consider you a "customer relations specialist," you can still put "marketing communications" on your business card.

Rising backlash as US firms seek Trump's steel tariff waiver WASHINGTON (AP)—U.S. companies seeking to be exempted from President Don-

ald Trump's tariff on imported steel are accusing American steel manufacturers of spreading inaccurate and misleading information, and they fear it may torpedo their requests.

Robert Miller, president and CEO of NLMK USA, said objections raised by U.S. Steel and Nucor to his bid for a waiver are "literal untruths." He said his company, which imports huge slabs of steel from Russia, has already paid \$80 million in duties and will be forced out of business if it isn't excused from the 25 percent tariff. U.S. Steel and Nucor are two of the country's largest steel producers.

"They ought to be ashamed of themselves," said Miller, who employs more than 1,100 people at mills in Pennsylvania and Indiana.

Miller's resentment, echoed by several other executives, is evidence of the backlash over how the Commerce Department is evaluating their requests to avoid the duty on steel imports. They fear the agency will be swayed by opposition from U.S. Steel, Nucor and other domestic steel suppliers that say they've been unfairly hurt by a glut of imports and back Trump's tariff.

U.S. Steel said its objections are based on detailed information about the dimensions and chemistry of the steel included in the requests. "We read what is publicly posted and respond," said spokeswoman Meghan Cox. Nucor did not reply to requests for comment.

The 20,000-plus waiver applications that the Commerce Department has received illustrate the chaos and uncertainty ignited by Trump's trade war against America's allies and adversaries. It's a battle that critics of his trade policy, including a number of Republican lawmakers, have warned is misguided and will end up harming U.S. businesses.

Trump and European leaders agreed this past Wednesday not to escalate their dispute over trade, but the tariff on steel and a separate duty on aluminum imports remains in place as the U.S. and Europe aim for a broader trade agreement. The metal taxes would continue to hit U.S. trading partners such as Canada, Mexico and Japan even if the U.S. and the EU forge a deal.

Miller bristled over insistence by Nucor and U.S. Steel that steel slab is readily available in the United States. "That's just not true," he said.

His company isn't the only one looking overseas for a product described as being consistently in short supply. California Steel Industries, a mill east of Los Angeles in Fontana, described the slab shortage as "acute" on the West Coast and declared that its waiver request is critical to its survival.

Aiming to rebuild the U.S. steel industry, Trump relied on a rarely used 1962 law that empowers him to impose tariffs on particular imports if the Commerce Department determines those goods threaten national security. He added a twist: Companies could be excused from the tariff if they could show, for example, that U.S. manufacturers don't make the metal they need in sufficient quantities.

But there are hurdles to clear on the path to securing an exemption. A single company may have to file dozens of separate requests to account for even slight variations in the metal it's buying. That means a mountain of paperwork to be filled out precisely. If not, the request is at risk of being rejected as incomplete. All this can be time-consuming and expensive, especially for smaller businesses.

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Nation

California wildfires claim more lives; crews make progress

REDDING, Calif. (AP)—Thousands more fled their homes after wildfires surged near a small lake town in Northern California while a deadly blaze farther north slowed slightly as crews stretched to their limits across the state fight flames that have claimed the lives of both firefighters and civilians.

Residents of the waterfront town Lakeport fled Sunday after a major flare-up of two fires that combined across Mendocino and Lake counties destroyed at least four homes. Lakeport, home to about 5,000, is around 120 miles north of San Francisco.

More than 4,500 buildings were under threat, officials said. The two fires had blackened 47 square miles (122 square kilometers), with minimal containment.

About 100 miles (160 kilometers) northeast, officials near Redding struck a hopeful tone for the first time in days as a massive fire slowed following days of explosive growth.

"We're feeling a lot more optimistic today as we're starting to gain some ground rather than being in a defensive mode on this fire all the time," said Bret Gouvea, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection's incident commander on the blaze around Redding, a city about 230 miles (370 kilometers) north of San Francisco.

County Sheriff Tom Bosenko said authorities found a sixth victim of the blaze at a home that was consumed by flames, though he declined to say where. The victim's identity was not released.

The sheriff's department is also investigating seven missing persons reports, Bosenko



A burned vehicle is seen in the mountain community of Keswick, Calif., Sunday, July 29, 2018

said. Redding police have an additional 11 reports of missing people, though many of them may simply not have checked in with friends or family, said Redding police Sgt. Todd Cogle.

The so-called Carr Fire that affected Redding — a city of about 92,000 people — was ignited by a vehicle problem on Monday about 10 miles (16 kilometers) west of the city. On Thursday, it swept through the historic Gold Rush town of Shasta and nearby Keswick fueled by gusty winds and dry vegetation. It then jumped the Sacramento River and took out subdivisions on the western edge of Redding.

Redding Police Chief Roger Moore kept up an around-theclock work schedule despite learning that his home was one of those destroyed. He was finally able to shave on Saturday when his wife brought him a razor, he said.

Moore was helping evacuate people from his River Ridge neighborhood in western Redding when the flames became unbearable.

"I saw everything around it ignite, and I go, 'It's gone,"
Moore said.

At least one person was arrested on suspicion of stealing from evacuated homes and authorities were keeping watch for other potential looters, said Deputy Travis Ridenour, whose home also burned.

"Lost our house like so many others," Ridenour wrote on Facebook. "Still out watching over the ones still standing. No looting on my watch."

The latest tally showed at

least 657 homes destroyed and another 145 damaged, with the fire having consumed 149 square miles (386 square kilometers).

After days of fortifying the areas around Redding, fire crews were increasingly confident that the city would escape further damage. The fire had not grown inside the city limits since Saturday, Gouvea said.

Some of the 38,000 people forced to evacuate said they were frustrated because they didn't know whether their homes were standing or were destroyed. Authorities had not reopened any evacuated neighborhoods where fires raged due to safety and ongoing investigations and urged people to be patient, saying they would soon let residents back.

Fed up, on Sunday morning

Tim Bollman hiked 4 miles (6 kilometers) on trails up steep terrain to check on the Redding home he built for his wife and two sons 13 years ago. He found rubble.

"There's not even anything to pick up," he said. "It's completely gone."

Keswick, a mountain town of about 450 people, was reduced to an ashy moonscape of blackened trees and smoldering rubble.

The terrain surrounding nearby Whiskeytown Lake—usually filled in July with vacationers swimming in the clear water—was burned, burning or seemingly about to burn Sunday. A heavy haze hung low over the water, where some of the docked boats had melted. Firefighters and utility repair crews drove

up and down the once-scenic highway, while California Department of Transportation water trucks sprayed roadsides in hopes of preventing potential wildfires from burning across the road, which can cost several million dollars to repair.

The fatalities included two firefighters and a woman and her two great-grandchildren.

"My babies are dead," Sherry Bledsoe said through tears after she and family members met Saturday with sheriff's deputies.

Her two children, 5-year-old James Roberts and 4-year-old Emily Roberts, were stranded with their great-grandmother, Melody Bledsoe, 70, when flames swept through the family's rural property Thursday on the outskirts of Redding.

The sixth victim, who was not identified, did not evacuate despite receiving an evacuation warning, Bosenko said.

It is the largest fire burning in California, threatening more than 5,000 structures. The flames were just 5 percent contained, though Gouvea said he expected that number to climb.

The firefighters killed in the blaze included Don Ray Smith, 81, of Pollock Pines, a bulldozer operator who was helping clear vegetation in the path of the wildfire. Redding Fire Inspector Jeremy Stoke was also killed, but details of his death were not released.

The fire around Redding was among 17 significant blazes in the state on Sunday that had forced roughly 50,000 people from their homes, said Lynne Tolmachoff, a Cal Fire spokeswoman.

About 12,000 firefighters were battling the fires, she said.

reported to be a weapon.

Trump threatens border security shutdown, GOP cool to idea

WASHINGTON (AP)— Republicans anxious about keeping control of Congress think it's a bad idea, but President Donald Trump still says he's willing to close the government over border security issues, including money he wants to build a promised U.S.-Mexico border wall.

"I would be willing to 'shut down' government if the Democrats do not give us the votes for Border Security, which includes the Wall!" Trump tweeted Sunday. "Must get rid of Lottery, Catch & Release etc. and finally go to system of Immigration based on MERIT!"

"We need great people coming into our Country!" Trump said. Trump returned to the idea after a meeting at the White House last week with House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., where they were said to have agreed on the way forward on government funding for the budget year that starts Oct. 1.

McConnell told a radio interviewer last week that a shutdown so close to the Nov. 6 midterm elections won't happen. McConnell acknowledged, however, that the border funding issue in particular was unlikely to be resolved before the balloting.

Ryan said on Capitol Hill after the meeting: "The president's willing to be patient to make sure that we get what we need so that we can get that done."

ACROSS THE NATION

Police: Michigan motel fire that killed 6 was an accident SODUS TOWNSHIP, Mich.

(AP)—Authorities say a fire that killed five children and their mother at a Michigan motel appears to have been an accident. The Berrien County sheriff's office says experts found no evidence of an accelerant that would have started the deadly blaze early Saturday at the Cosmo Extended Stay Motel in Sodus (SO'-dis) Township. The precise cause still is under investigation. The fire began in a first-floor room of the two-story motel, about 100 miles (160 kilometers) from Chicago. Twenty-six-yearold Kiarre Curtis and five of her children died in a room on

the second floor. The sheriff's office said Sunday that autopsies confirmed all six died of smoke inhalation. Curtis' husband and a 1-year-old child survived. The sheriff's office says investigators are also examining the motel's fire alarms and smoke detectors.

Plane carrying 2 crashes in river near N. Hampshire, Vermont

HAVERHILL, N.H. (AP)—A small plane has crashed in the Connecticut River between New Hampshire and Vermont, injuring two people. The Federal Aviation Administration tells WMUR-TV that a Searey aircraft crashed in the river between Haverhill, New Hampshire, and

Newbury, Vermont, at 1:20 p.m. Sunday. State police say the pilot and a passenger on board the small amphibious experimental aircraft were taken to hospitals, one by helicopter. One person is in stable condition with serious injuries at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. The condition of the other person, who's in a hospital in Woodsville, wasn't immediately available. The cause of the crash is being investigated.

Police ID officer who shot, wounded man brandishing comb

ABERDEEN, Md. (AP)— Maryland police have released the name of the officer who shot and wounded a man brandishing a comb initially

The Baltimore Sun reported Sunday that Aberdeen Police identified the officer as Cpl. James Evans. Authorities say Evans shot 23-year-old Tyler J. Winkler multiple times Friday after Winkler had threatened to kill an apartment complex's employee. A police statement says authorities received reports Winkler was armed with a "knife or edged weapon" that turned out to be a rat tail comb. Police spokesman Lt. William Reiber say police had used a stun gun on the man, but that had no effect and then he charged at officers and was shot. Winkler was hospitalized in critical condition. Police say Evans has been placed on paid administrative leave.

Asia

Pakistani official: Jailed former PM Sharif hospitalized

ISLAMABAD (AP)—Jailed former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif was moved from his cell to the main hospital in Islamabad after suffering heart trouble, an official said Sunday.

Shaukat Javed, home minister of Punjab province, said a routine cardiogram preformed on the 69-year-old Sharif in the prison in Rawalpindi indicated the need for hospitalization.

Wasim Khwaja, spokesman for the Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences, said Sharif was in the hospital's cardiac center and his condition was stable. He said besides hospital security, extra police and paramilitary troops were deployed in and around the premises.

Sharif was arrested along with daughter Maryam Nawaz upon returning home from London to face a 10-year prison sentence for corruption. His daughter was given seven years in the same case. He was dismissed from office by the Supreme Court last July. A court will hear their appeals on July 31.

Sharif's Pakistan Muslim League party, which had run the government, lost heavily in last week's general elections to Sharif's longtime critic, former cricket player Imran Khan. Khan's party came in first but must form a coalition.

Afghan President Ashraf Ghani called Khan to congratulate him on the victory.

"Our focus is not on the past, but on the bright future,"



Ghani said, according to a statement issued from Kabul's Presidential Palace. It said that both leaders agreed to overcome the past and to lay a new foundation for a prosperous political, social and economic future of both countries.

Naeemul Haq, a spokesman for Khan's party, said the would-be prime minister thanked Ghani and said that he would like to make an official visit to Kabul soon to strengthen ties between the neighboring countries.

Meanwhile, political parties which did not perform well in the election continue to allege that the vote was largely fraudulent.

An hours-long meeting of the leaders of former ruling party Pakistan Muslim League and the Pakistan People's Party in Islamabad concluded the elections were largely rigged.

"Both the parties are in consensus that elections were rigged but we want to keep the democratic system going," said Farhatullah Babar, a spokesman for Pakistan People's Party.

He said the two parties will meet again to develop a strategy but not boycott par-

Pakistani police commandos stand guard outside the cardiac ward, where jailed former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif was moved, in Islamabad, Pakistan, Sunday, July 29, 2018.

liament. The religious parties alliance and other smaller parties have threatened to boycott parliament and start a protest campaign against the alleged irregularities.

Mohammad Zubair, a PML-N nominee and governor of southern Sindh province, resigned from office in protest. He also said the election 'managed to favor one particular party.'

Meanwhile, election authorities continue to handle petitions for vote recounts from contenders who lost by thin margins, while thousands of votes were canceled for being marked twice.

Also on Sunday, Khan's and Sharif's parties spent a busy day garnering support of candidates who won seats in Punjab province, the country's largest, as independents. Sharif's party got slightly more seats in the Punjab Assembly than Khan's party. Khan's PTI party is attempting to form a provincial government in Punjab.

🐔 ASIAN BRIEFS

India asks 4 million to prove their nationality in northeast

GAUHATI, India (AP)— India has released a final draft of a list of its citizens in the northeastern state of Assam, leaving some 4 million people on edge to prove their Indian nationality. India says hundreds of thousands of people have illegally entered the country from neighboring Bangladesh over decades and settled down in the northeast. Bangladesh rejects the claim. The application process for inclusion in India's national register started in 2015. Sailesh, India's registrar general, told reporters in Gauhati, the capital of Assam state, on Monday that of 32.9 million applicants, the names of 28.9 million have been approved and included in the draft. Sailesh, who uses one name, said those left out can file appeals by Sept. 30. Until then, no one will be declared an illegal immigrant.

Indonesian mountain after earthquake

SEMBALUN, Indonesia (AP)—Rescuers are trying to evacuate hundreds of tourists trapped on Mount Rinjani on the Indonesian island of Lombok after an earthquake that killed 15 people triggered landslides. Mount Rinjani National Park chief, Sudiyono, said more than 800 tourists were registered to climb Rinjani, an active volcano, when a strong earthquake rocked Lombok early Sunday. He said Monday about 300 of them had managed to get down the mountain. Sudiyono, who uses one name, said, "Information that we have from survivors is more than 500 people are trapped on the mountain and gathered near the volcano lake Segara Anakan." He said rescuers are expected to reach the lake by afternoon. An Indonesian student died in a landslide on Rinjani, raising the death toll

Hundreds trapped on

from the earthquake to 15.

Cambodia's Hun Sen coasts to win after opposition silenced PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP)—Cambodia's ruling

party won an expected victory in an election Sunday widely considered illegitimate after the only credible opposition was silenced and which ensures that long-ruling Prime Minister Hun Sen will serve another five-year term.

Although 20 parties contested the election, the only one with the popularity and organization to mount a real challenge, the Cambodian National Rescue Party, was dissolved last year by the Supreme Court in a ruling generally seen as political.

Government spokesman Khieu Kanharith confirmed to The Associated Press that the Cambodian People's Party had topped the polls. He did not say how many of the of the 125 seats in the National Assembly the CPP had captured, but preliminary totals broadcast on state television showed that the party had won at least 70 percent of the vote in each of the country's 25 provinces. Under the election's system of proportional representation, the party would likely grab more than 100 seats.

Local and foreign rights groups, along with several Western governments, had agreed that the election would not be credible.

The United States said it regretted the flawed vote and wound consider its responses, including expanding on visa restrictions that were announced in December. The statement from the White House press secretary's office said the U.S. was disappointed in the government's choice to disenfranchise voters, citing the exclusion of the principal opposition party, the jailing and banning of its officials, and threats to punish non-voters.

The disbanded CNRP's former leaders had urged people not to vote in what was dubbed a "Clean Finger" campaign because those who did cast ballots had to dip a finger in indelible ink, a practice meant to thwart multiple voting.

According to detailed totals released by the state National Election Committee, more than 6.8 million registered voters, or 82.2 percent, cast ballots.

The figure, if correct, would suggest that the promotion by opposition forces of a poll boycott was ineffective. In the last general election in 2013, voter turnout was 6.6 million, or 68.5 percent of 9.7 million registered voters.

Hun Sen said on his Facebook page before the results were announced that he welcomed the big turnout, and congratulated his countrymen for exercising their right to vote.

However, threats had previously been reported against anyone planning to boycott. In rural areas where the majority live, someone who didn't vote—recognized by the lack of ink on their fingers-might have been subject to retaliation by local officials who carry out civic functions, such as land registration.

Voters in Phnom Penh, Cambodia's capital and an opposition stronghold, were less susceptible to such threats because of their higher visibility and safety in numbers. However, according to the election committee, even there the turnout was about 80 percent.

Doubts are likely to be raised about the actual turnout because several established poll-watching groups—as well as contingents from the United States and the European Union—declined to take part in polls they viewed as illegitimate. One of the bigger Cambodian groups watching the polls is led by one of Hun Sen's sons.

Following the election, exiled opposition leader Sam Rainsy called for peaceful protests, calling it "a sham election with a foregone conclusion."

Speaking from south of Paris in Freteval where he lives, Sam Rainsy told The Associated Press that "it is a meaningless victory because (Hun Sen) won without any real challenger ... prior to the election he dissolved the only credible opposition party."

Hun Sen's Cambodian People's Party was alarmed by the results of the 2013 election, when the race was close enough for the opposition to claim that it would have won had the voter registration process not been manipulated.

Along with fracturing the political opposition-including pressuring Sam Rainsy into exile and jailing his successor, Kem Sokha-Hun Sen's government also silenced critical voices in the media. Over the past year, about 30 radio stations shut down, and two English-language newspapers that provided serious reporting were gutted, one forced to close and the other put under ownership friendly to the government.

World



Zimbabwe's Mugabe emerges, rejects ruling party in election

HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP)—In a surprise address to the nation after months of silence, Zimbabwe's former leader Robert Mugabe emerged just hours before Monday's historic election declaring that "I will not vote for those who have illegally taken power" and turning his back on the ruling party he long controlled.

Slow and rambling, the 94-year-old Mugabe spoke to reporters on Sunday with bitterness about his dramatic removal in November under military pressure and amid a ruling party feud.

He was coy about endorsing anyone ahead of the election in which the former deputy that he fired, President Emmerson Mnangagawa, faces a 40-year-old lawyer and pastor, Nelson Chamisa. He indicated, however, that Chamisa was the only viable candidate.

"I cannot vote for those who have tormented me," Mugabe said in a reference to Mnangagwa, who took office with the military's support. "I cannot vote for ZANU-PF," the ruling party that has rejected him as well.

Mugabe, who has backed a new political party that is part of a coalition supporting Chamisa, said of him: "He seems to be doing well at his rallies ... I wish to meet him if he wins.'

And he added: "Whoever wins, we wish him well ... And let us accept the verdict."

Later on Sunday, Mnangagwa said in a video posted on Facebook that Chamisa had "forged a deal" with Mugabe and that a vote for the opposition leader amounted to an endorsement of the old order.

"We can no longer believe that his intentions are to transform Zimbabwe and rebuild our nation," the president said.

Chamisa, meanwhile, said at a news conference that he welcomed the vote of Mugabe or any other Zimbabwean and that "you don't discriminate against voters."

Many in Zimbabwe knew no other leader but Mugabe, who led the country for 37 years after independence from white minority rule in 1980. What began with optimism crumbled into repression of the opposition, alleged voterigging, violent land seizures from white farmers and years of international sanctions.

The southern Africa nation hopes that a credible vote on Monday could get those sanctions lifted and bring badly needed investment for a collapsed economy. Mnangagwa, a former Mugabe confidante, has tried to recast himself as a voice for reform, inviting back Western dozens of election observers and pledging a free and fair vote.

Mugabe defended Zimbabwe's election commission after Chamisa and the opposition raised concerns that the vote will be flawed, saying that "it acts quite freely." And in a breathtaking statement, he asserted that his long stay in office had been free from meddling: "It was not the army that ensured I remained in power."

He blamed "evil and malicious characters" for his resignation, which was met with a joyous outpouring by thousands of people in the capital, Harare, and elsewhere. "I was a fool to have him next to me," he said of Mnangagwa, whom he accused of conniving with the military chief to pull off a "coup."

Mugabe said he resigned to avoid "bloodshed" and defended his wife, Grace, who just months ago appeared to be positioning herself for the presidency: "Leave, leave, leave my wife alone."

Zimbabwe's former leader, who appeared to have finally allowed his hair to go gray, spent the final question musing on his legacy, reminding people of his years in prison during the country's fight for liberation and his work raising literacy and education standards. "I tried to do my best," he said, as journalists began to drift away.

While Mugabe, who has largely remained quiet in his Harare home since leaving power, spoke largely of the past, Zimbabweans are already impatient for the future—and Monday's vote.

Death toll from Greek wildfire reaches 91 as village grieves

MATI, Greece (AP)—Fire officials in Greece raised the death toll from a wildfire that raged through a coastal area east of Athens to 91 and reported that 25 people were missing Sunday, six days after Europe's deadliest forest fire in more than a century.

Before the national fire service updated the official number of fatalities, it stood at 86 as hundreds of mourners attended a Sunday morning memorial service for the victims in the seaside village hardesthit by the blaze.

The fire sped flames through the village of Mati, a popular resort spot, without warning on July 23. A database maintained by the Centre for the Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters in Brussels shows it as the deadliest wildfire in Europe since 1900.

The vast majority of victims died in the fire itself, though a number drowned in the sea while fleeing the flames. Until Sunday night, Greek officials had not provided a tally of the people reported missing.

Hellenic Fire Service spokeswoman Stavroula Malliri provided a breakdown that illustrated why the death toll continued to expand and the list of people thought to be missing was difficult to

draw up with precision.

Malliri said that as of Sunday evening, 59 victims had been identified from bodies or remains and another four people injured in the fire had died in area hospitals. But



Source: AP Graphic: Staff, TNS

identities have not yet been linked to another 28 sets of remains, she said.

Relatives or friends reported 25 people who were considered officially missing, Malliri said.

A fire service official said some or all of the 25 missing people could be among the yet-unidentified remains of the dead. The official requested anonymity because the fire still is under investigation.

At the morning memorial service in Mati, the senior local Greek Orthodox Church official, Bishop Kyrillos, said the community was grieving the simultaneous loss of family, neighbors and friends.

"There's fewer of us now than usually," the bishop said. "It is the victims of the recent fire that are missing-friends, relatives and acquaintances, next-door people that we saw every day in town and on the beach."

Local resident Angeliki Galiatsatou said she narrowly managed to escape the fire that killed others in their cars and homes.

"I came to pray for the people who were lost and I pray that God blesses us all," she said.

Dozens of volunteer divers, some of them retired Navy Seals, ventured into the sea again Sunday to look for the bodies of more possible victims. The search was abandoned, without result, because of a sudden storm.

Greek authorities have said they have reason to believe the fire resulted from arson and turned so deadly because winds of up to 100 kilometers per hour (62 mph) buffeted the pine-forested seaside resorts at the time.

Egypt president defends painful austerity measures CAIRO (AP)—Egypt's president zealously defended his economic policies on Sunday, saying he was left with no choice but to embrace painful austerity measures to revive an economy mauled by years of political turmoil and violence.

Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi was speaking at a youth conference a day after he expressed his displeasure over recent online postings urging him to step down over the economy. He said he was "upset" over the posts, which he said were inappropriate.

The #Sissi leave hashtag surfaced this summer following steep price hikes for fuel, drinking water and electricity as part of austerity measures designed to overhaul the economy, still recovering from years of turmoil following the 2011 popular uprising.

"They have pushed us into being a nation of poverty, a nation of neediness, but when I begin working toward getting us out of this, I find the hashtag #Sissi—leave," he said. "Should I have been upset or not? I was upset. I was upset."

El-Sissi was first elected in 2014, a year after, as defense

minister, he led the military's ouster of Mohammed Morsi, an Islamist who was freely elected but whose one year in office proved divisive. He has since taking office launched multibillion-dollar structure, development and housing projects that he says will transform the country of some 96 million people.

He has also overseen the largest crackdown on dissent in Egypt's recent history, jailing thousands of Islamists as well as some secular pro-democracy activists, and rolling back many of the freedoms won following the 2011 uprising that toppled longtime autocrat Hosni Mubarak.

In March, el-Sissi won a second, four-year term after running virtually unopposed.

The economic reform program has won el-Sissi lavish praise from Cairo's western backers and bankers and showed him as a leader who was prepared to adopt painful measures, like lifting state subsidies on basic items, regardless of the political cost, something his predecessors had not been able to do for fear of unrest or losing power. El-Sissi's policies, however, have made more difficult the plight of a majority of Egyp-

tians who are now forced to cope with steep hikes in the price of everything from utilities and fuel to food and transportation.

El-Sissi has in the past told Egyptians not to listen to anyone but him and repeated that he would only listen to viewpoints different from his if they are based on thorough research. In his latest remarks, he repeated his frequent assertions about unnamed parties tirelessly working to undermine and destabilize the country.

Egypt, he warned Sunday, would not survive another "revolutionary" phase like that of 2011.

"Everything is linked to stability and security. I want us to develop an acute fear of instability," he said.

Addressing the same youth conference Sunday, el-Sissi warned that economic reform was open-ended and that he intended to continue down the same route. "I will press on because I don't have another path," declared the general-turned-president who routinely calls on Egyptians to endure hardships for the sake of their country and declares that only God will judge his actions.

Overdrive

AUTO REVIEW: 2019 Jetta is Volkswagen's best compact sedan

By MARK PHELAN

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Volkswagen is the world's largest automaker, rich and powerful beyond the dreams of avarice, but the German powerhouse's execs could be excused if they sometimes feel like a cartoon character about to get an anvil dropped on its head.

The 2019 Jetta is the company's best compact sedan by far, a car that should make VW a must-have for the average American buyer. It's a perfect vehicle to help rehabilitate VW's image after the self-inflicted wound of rigging a half-million diesel engines to cheat U.S. emissions law.

Except. The mostly marvelous new Jetta arrives at the exact moment when U.S. car shoppers have turned their backs on compact sedans, abandoning what used to be a massive market segment in favor of taller, hipper small SUVs.

Don't cry for VW. It also builds small SUVs so it's not shut out of the boom, but the Jetta is the car the company had been promising for decades: a good value with Germanic handling and a handsome new design.

Behind the Wheel 2019 Volkswagen Jetta SE Front-wheel-drive,

passenger compact sedan **Price as tested:** \$22,155 (excluding destination charge) **Rating:** Three out of four stars **Reasons to buy:** Value; fuel economy; easy-to-use controls; fun to drive

Shortcomings: Poor audio for hands-free phone calls; antiquated displays for touch screen and trip computer; engine vibration

How much?

The Jetta is entirely new for 2019. Like the Golf hatchback, it rides on VW's MQB platform, an elaborate set of parts and systems that will



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eventually underpin a wide variety of compact and midsize cars and SUVs.

The Jetta competes with compact cars like the Chevrolet Cruze, Ford Focus, Honda Civic, Hyundai Elantra, Kia Forte, Nissan Sentra, Subaru Impreza and Toyota Corolla.

Prices for the new Jetta start at \$18,545 with a six-speed manual transmission, \$19,345 with an eight-speed automatic.

All Jettas come with a 147-hp 1.4-liter turbocharged engine. The very good eight-speed automatic is standard automatic on all models above the base S.

I tested an SE, the second step in the model lineup. It stickered at \$22,155 and came with features including a touch screen; Apple CarPlay, Android Auto and MirrorLink; front collision warning and automatic braking; Bluetooth compatibility; heated seats; four-speaker audio; 16in. gloss black alloy wheels; LED headlights, taillights and running lights; backup camera; blind spot alert; cruise control; power sun roof and more.

It stickered at \$22,155.

The top Jetta loads on features like Beats audio, satellite radio and leather seats.

Jetta prices compare well to similarly equipped competitors.

Competitive base prices

(Excluding destination charges) VW Jetta SE: **\$22,155** Chevrolet Cruze LT sedan:

\$21,520 Ford Focus SEL sedan:

\$21,870 Honda Civic EX-T: **\$22,500** Hyundai Elantra SEL: \$19,850 Kia Forte EX: **\$21,700**

Mazda 3 Touring sedan: \$21,140 Nissan Sentra SR CVT: \$20,500

Subaru Impreza Premium sedan: \$21,295

Toyota Corolla XLE CVT: \$22,135

Source: Autotrader

Outstanding features

The Jetta's fuel economy in real-world driving is very good. I averaged 37.3 mpg on a long drive that included hot, heavy air, constant air conditioner use, hilly countryside, traffic jams and long highway runs with the cruise control set near the 70-mph speed limit.

The new sedan is quiet and comfortable on the highway, with little road noise, comfortable seats and plenty of storage bins. The controls are very easy to use, with a touch screen, Apple CarPlay and dials and buttons for oft-used functions like volume, tuning fan and temperature.

Passenger and luggage room are good, and there are plenty of cubbies and bins for cups, glasses and the like.

The small engine delivers good acceleration around town, thank to 184 lb-ft of torque available from just 1,400 rpm and quick upshifts from VW's smooth eightspeed transmission.

The Jetta's steering is firm and precise, perfectly in tune with a suspension that combines a smooth ride with responsive handling.

The 2019 Jetta is longer, wider and much better looking than its predecessors. The exterior has a fast-sloping rear window, crisp character lines and a wide chrome grille that sweeps dramatically into the headlights for a striking departure from VW's usual restrained styling.

The downside

The Jetta's good fuel economy comes in part at the cost of noticeable engine vibration, as the transmission holds higher gears at low rpm to squeeze maximum distance from every gallon of gasoline. The tendency to hold high gears also shows up in lagging downshifts that delay throttle response for passing at highway speeds.

The audio quality of handsfree phone calls is very poor. Every person I called complained and asked me to switch to the handset. I did that in jurisdictions that allow hand-held calls while driving,

but I lost access to my phone way/34 combined. Regular everywhere else.

The touch screen's display mirrors an iPhone's vivid colors when you're using CarPlay, but reverts to a grainy B&W display like a 1980s video-game when controlling the car's built-in functions. It's enough to make you fear a message saying "You have died of dysentery" around every corner.

The trunk is roomy, but the hinges are weak. The lid rebounded down every time I flipped it open, giving me a colorful scalp wound on one occasion.

Specifications as tested

Engine: 1.4L turbocharged four-cylinder.

Power: 147 @ 5,000 rpm; 184 lb-ft of torque @ 1,400 rpm Transmission: eight-speed automatic reducer

Wheelbase: 105.7 inches **Length:** 185.1 inches Width: 70.8 inches **Height:** 57.4 inches Curb Weight: 2,959 lbs. Where assembled: Puebla. Mexico

Facts and figures

The little 1.4L turbo fourcylinder engine develops its rated 147 hp and 184 lb-ft with regular gasoline, a major improvement over VW's long habit of making its owners pay for premium to get the advertised power and fuel economy.

The Jetta's EPA rating of 30 mpg in the city, 40 on the highway and 34 combined makes it one of the most efficient compact sedans. The key 34-mpg combined rating beats all the competitors I've named except the Civic, which scored 36 mpg.

Competitive EPA fuel economy ratings

(Automatic transmission models. Front-wheel drive where available.)

VW Jetta SE: 30 city/40 high-

gasoline

Chevrolet Cruze LT sedan: 29/40/33. Regular. Ford Focus SEL

26/38/32/. Regular **Honda Civic EX-T:** 32/42/36. Regular.

Hyundai Elantra **SEL:** 28/37/32. Regular.

Kia Forte EX: 29/37/32. Regular Mazda 3 Touring sedan: 27/36/30. Regular.

Nissan Sentra SR CVT: 29/37/32. Regular.

Subaru Impreza Premium sedan: 28/38/23. Regular. **Toyota Corolla XLE CVT:** 28/26/32. Regular.

(Source: www.fueleconomy.gov)

The verdict

If this were a cartoon, a giant anvil would fall from the sky, crushing the truck delivering new Jettas. But this is the real world, and 2019 Jettas are arriving at VW dealers now. Stop by and see for yourself why they give America's favorite small cars a run for their money.

But keep an eye on the sky. You can't be too careful when you're standing next to an anvil magnet.

Key features on vehicle tested

Standard equipment: Antilock brakes; stability control; forward collision warning; automatic emergency braking; front seat side air bags; curtain air bags; backup camera; LED headlights, taillights and daytime running lights; blind spot and cross traffic alert; touch screen; USB port; voice recognition; Bluetooth compatibility; power sunroof; AM/FM radio; four speakers; cruise control; 16-in. alloy wheels; leatherette upholstery; dual zone climate control; push button start; power locks, windows and mirrors.

Options: None.-

UNDER THE HOOD: Get professional help with airbag warning light

Q: My question for you is about my 1993 Mustang GT or, as I refer to it, my dust collector, as this is my weekend/ sunny day only driver. The car has only 57,000 miles. This spring, when I was getting the car out of winter storage (I live in Iowa), I noticed the "airbag" light blinking. I have tried going online for answers but no help, and no, the car has never been in any front or rear accidents. The battery was old, so I replaced it that thinking it might be the

Would you have any input as to what the issue might be? The dealer would like to charge me \$145 an hour to check out. There is no place

that I can find to plug in a code reader. -Glen W.

A: Your Mustang predates scan tool diagnostics for the SRS (supplemental restraint system) but is friendly enough to automatically display diagnostic trouble codes via the SRS malfunction indicator lamp. Those flashes you see can be counted; each code is a two digit number. For example a code 32 will be three flashes, a pause, then two more. There's a three second pause, then the code will repeat, or another code will follow.

On your Mustang there are 17 possible faults that can be identified and displayed via the light. Codes typically indicate a circuit or component fault. On your fairly simple two-bag system not containing passenger seat sensors, my best guess would be possibly a code 32, caused by a faulty clock spring. This is a wind-up ribbon cable at the top of the steering column that allows a continuous electrical connection to the driver's side (steering wheel) airbag regardless of rotational position. After many steering wheel movements it's not uncommon for this part to fray and lose one or more electrical connections (possibly airbag, horn, or steering wheel button functions).

The retrieved code's diagnostic chart might indicate

a circuit fault related to the driver's side airbag, or other circuits, and it would take some skilled sleuthing to determine the specific location of the fault. Due to safety concerns, needed service information/interpretation and system disassembly, this is a job best left to a pro, which could be the dealer or an independent repair facility.

Q: My check engine light came on. A friend told me to tighten my gas cap, which I did. Nothing happened, and then over a week later, the light went out. Why would this be?

-Adran D.

A: It seems your vehicle may have detected an EVAP By BRAD BERGHOLDT

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system leak (can be caused by a loose gas cap among other more permanent causes) and you fixed it! An illuminated MIL (malfunction indicator lamp) caused by this fault will remain on until three consecutive good trips with a fuel gauge reading between 1/4 and 3/4 have occurred. A good trip is a

specific driving sequence where the diagnostic monitor runs to completion without incident. Depending on one's driving habits and refueling regimen, clearing the light may take some time! I'm hoping this wasn't an intermittent fault caused by something else and the light turned off by coincidence.

Life & Style

Harvey Weinstein's insurers balk at paying his legal bills

NEW YORK (AP)—Harvey Weinstein is locked in a messy battle with insurance companies over his steadily mounting legal bills.

The insurance giant Chubb and other carriers that wrote liability policies for Weinstein and his film company are arguing in court that they shouldn't have to pay for his defense against allegations of rape and sexual harassment.

The policies, they have written in court filings, specifically excluded coverage for "such blatantly egregious and intentionally harmful acts."

"Mr. Weinstein has nevertheless repeatedly attempted to foist his defense of these lawsuits upon the plaintiff insurers," lawyers for the companies wrote.

Weinstein's legal team, which denies that he assaulted any of his dozens of female accusers, has shot back that the insurers are trying to weasel out of their obligations and

have unfairly sided with the accusers.

In court papers, they said Weinstein and his company had paid the insurers a fortune in premiums during the past 25 years. At times, they have been indignant in claiming

that he is entitled to millions of dollars in coverage. "Mr. Weinstein has been left in an untenable position, and



Weinstein

out," they wrote in one court filing.

Weinstein countersued Chubb and its affiliates. accusing the companies of breach of contract and bad faith.

Weinstein, 66, has pleaded not guilty to attacking three women and is out on \$1 million bail. A new count added this month, predatory sexual

his patience has run assault, carries a minimum sentence of 10 years in prison and a maximum of 25 year to life.

> By the insurance companies' latest count, Weinstein and the Weinstein Co. are facing 18 lawsuits and other claims filed just since last year.

> They include a suit by the New York attorney general accusing the company of failing to protect employees from sexual harassment and others by actresses Kadian Noble

and Dominique Huett alleging sexual assault.

It's unclear how much the legal firestorm is costing Weinstein.

To fight the charges, Weinstein hired Ben Brafman, one of New York City's most prominent defense attorneys. His team also includes private investigators trying to turn up evidence that backs his claims that the encounters with the alleged victims were consensual.

'Mission: Impossible: Fallout' shoots to No. 1



This image released by Paramount Pictures shows Tom Cruise in a scene from "Mission: Impossible - Fallout."

CHIABELLA JAMES/PARAMOUNT PICTURES AND SKYDANCE VIA AP

LOS ANGELES (AP)— After six movies, 22 years, countless bruises and a broken ankle, Tom Cruise's death-defying "Mission: Impossible" stunts continue to pay off at the box office.

"Mission: Impossible— Fallout" easily took the No. 1 spot on the domestic charts this weekend. Paramount Pictures estimates that it earned \$61.5 million from 4,386 North American theaters.

Not accounting for inflation, it's a best for the longrunning franchise, which has grossed \$2.8 billion worldwide, and one of Cruise's biggest too (just shy of "War of the Worlds" \$64.9 million debut in 2005). Internationally, the film earned \$92 million from 36 markets which is also a franchise best.

Directed by Christopher McQuarrie, "Fallout" has scored some of the best reviews in the series and has been in the news cycle for almost a year. Talk about the film started early, in August of 2017, when Cruise broke his ankle performing a stunt in London with video to prove it.

"Paramount was strategically perfect in their marketing and publicity game," said comScore senior media analyst Paul Dergarabedian. "They showed how important a star's presence is in marketing the movie early on. Tom Cruise broke his ankle and they made that into a positive for the movie-it fed the Tom Cruise 'Mission: Impossible' mystique."

Second place went to "Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again," which fell 57 percent in its second weekend in theaters, to earn \$15 million. It was a much steeper decline than the first film, which dropped only 36 percent between its first and second weekends.

Denzel Washington's "The Equalizer 2" slid to third with \$14 million in weekend two, and "Hotel Transylvania 3: Summer Vacation" took fourth with \$12.3 million.

The animated "Teen Titans Go! To the Movies," a feature spinoff of the Cartoon Network television show about Robin

"Mission: Impossible—Fallout," \$61.5 million (\$92 million interna-

"Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again," \$15 million (\$26.6 million international).

"The Equalizer 2," \$14 million (\$1.9 million international).

"Hotel Transylvania 3: Summer Vacation," \$12.3 million (\$31 million international)

"Teen Titans Go! To the Movies." \$10.5 million (\$1 million interna-

"Ant-Man and The Wasp," \$8.4 million (\$11.5 million international). "Incredibles 2," \$7.2 million (\$20 million international).

"Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom," \$6.8 million (\$10.9 million

"Skyscraper," \$5.4 million (\$17.7 million international) 10. "The First Purge," \$2.2 million

(\$4.5 million international).

and some of the lesser-known DC superheroes, was the only major film to open against "Fallout." The Warner Bros. release earned \$10.5 million and landed in fifth place.

The film earned positive reviews from critics and younger audiences, but also faced a fair

amount of animated competition from both "Hotel Transylvania 3" and "Incredibles 2," which is still going strong in its seventh weekend and headed toward the \$1 billion mark. As of Sunday the Disney/ Pixar sequel had earned an estimated \$996.5 million globally.

But although \$10.5 million might seem on the lower side, "Teen Titans" also cost only \$10 million to produce.

"Family movies like this will play for a lot of weeks," said Warner Bros.' domestic distribution president Jeff Goldstein. "The whole objective of this movie was to work with our cousins in other Warner units for brand identification."

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to comScore. Where available, the latest international numbers for Friday through Sunday are also included. Final domestic figures will be released Monday.

Bobby Brown says he's no 'bad guy'and denies hitting Houston

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—Bobby Brown says he made some bad choices in his life but denied that his marriage to Whitney Houston ever turned violent, a reversal of a past admission.

Brown, speaking with reporters Friday about BET's new miniseries "The Bobby

Brown Story," said such allegations involving his late ex-wife were "completely wrong.'

But in a 2016 interview with ABC's Robin Roberts, Brown said he once hit Houston He

also told Roberts he is not "a violent man" and that descriptions of him as a "woman beater" are lies.

Brown appeared Friday at a Television Critics Association annual meeting at the Beverly Hilton Hotel, where Houston drowned in a bathtub in 2012. Coroner's officials ruled the death accidental and said heart disease and cocaine were contribut-

"The spirit of my ex-wife is probably still here," Brown said. "It just feels good to be here and to promote this movie, and to be able to smile and be here with my wife and my kids. We just came from Hawaii and it's been a beautiful time. Being here is just another notch."



Brown

Brown. has been married since 2012 to Alicia Etheredge-Brown, said he still deals with the deaths of Houston and their daughter Bobbi Kristina Brown "every day," and

that he doubted he would ever get over it. He credited the grace of God and his wife and children.

During a Q&A, the New Edition founding member was asked about his relationship with Houston in light of his plan to build an Atlanta domestic violence shelter to honor Bobbi Kristina, who died at age 22 in 2015. She, like Houston, was found in a bathtub.

Apple CEO and Imagine Dragons headed to festival for LGBT youth

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)— Apple CEO Tim Cook is among those heading to Salt Lake City for a Saturday music festival organized by Imagine Dragons frontman Dan Reynolds to support LGBT youth in the Mormon church.

The appearance of the proudly gay CEO will show young people their "unlimited potential," Reynolds said in a statement. Other headliners include dancer and singer Julianne Hough, DJ Zedd, Tegan Ouin of the band Tegan and Sara, Tyler Glenn from Neon Trees as well as Imagine Dragons.

Reynolds, who is Mormon, said the festival is a passion project born from watching friends struggle with their sexuality and feeling unwelcome in the faith.

"To see my community failing in this way is just not acceptable to me," the Las Vegas native told The Associated Press last month. "When you're given a platform at this level I feel a weight every day to do something with it."

He also pointed to an alarming spike in suicide rates for Utah kids aged 10 to 17. While public-health investigators are still studying the trend's cause, Reynolds said that making LGBT kids feel welcome in their homes and communities reduces any risk they might hurt themselves.

Next 'Star Wars' film to use unreleased Fisher footage

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Carrie Fisher is not done with "Star Wars" after all—Lucasfilm says unreleased footage of the actress will be used in the next installment of the "Star Wars" saga to draw her character's story to an end.

The studio and writer-director J.J. Abrams announced Friday that footage of Fisher shot for 2015's "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" will be used in the ninth film in the space opera's core trilogies about the Skywalker family that includes Fisher's character, Leia.

Filming is scheduled to begin Wednesday at London's Pinewood Studios.

Mark Hamill, who plays Luke Skywalk- Fisher er, will also appear in the film, which for the moment is simply called "Episode IX." It is scheduled to be released in December 2019.

Fisher died in December



ished work on the middle installment in the trilogy, "The Last Jedi." Director Rian Johnson opted not alter her storyline, leaving Leia's fate to be handled by Abrams.

2016 after she fin-

"We desperately loved Carrie Fisher," Abrams said in a statement. "Finding a truly satisfying conclusion to the Skywalker saga without her eluded us."

reating her using computer graphics, as was done in a spinoff film "Rogue One," was not an option.

He said recasting Fisher or rec-

'With the support and blessing from her daughter, Billie, we have found a way to honor Carrie's legacy and role as Leia in Episode IX by using unseen footage we shot together in Episode VII."

Friday's announcement also confirmed that Billy Dee Williams will be returning to the franchise as Lando Calrissian, a hero of the rebellion who hasn't

been seen in the latest trilogy.

Also returning to the film are Daisy Ridley, Oscar Isaac, John Boyega and Kelly Marie Tran, who all play heroes.

Adam Driver and Domhnall Gleeson, who play villains in the latest films, are also returning.

Netflix backs 'Master of None' despite misconduct claim

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—Netflix is standing by "Master of None" and Aziz Ansari despite a sexual-misconduct allegation against him earlier this year.

Cindy Holland, a programming executive for the streaming service, said Sunday there's been thought given to a third season for the comedy starring and co-created by Ansari.

She added that Netflix would "certainly be happy" to make another "Master of None" season with Ansari, but didn't commit to it or indicate what the production or release timeline might be. The show about a young, single actor in New York last aired in 2017.

The allegation that Ansari acted improperly on a date was published in January of this year by website Babe.net, which didn't identify the accuser. The report sparked a public debate, with some saying the claim shed light on aggressive sexual behavior and others dismissing it as a bad date that should have remained private.

In a January Ansari statement, Ansari acknowledged that he apologized to a woman in 2017 when she told him about her discomfort during a sexual encounter in his apartment that he believed to be consensual.

Holland was also asked at a TV critics' meeting about the future of "Arrested Development," a Netflix series shadowed by sexual misconduct allegations against star Jeffrey Tambor stemming from his tenure on Amazon's "Transparent."

There's been no discussion about whether there will



be another season of "Arrested" or if Tambor would be involved, she said.

Tambor was fired from "Transparent" after an actress on the show and Tambor's assistant accused him of inappropriate

touching and sexual propositions, allegations that the actor has denied.

"Arrested Development" star Jessica Walter said in an interview that Tambor verbally harassed her on the set.

At the Television Critics Association's summer meeting Saturday, Amazon Studios chief Jennifer Salke said a fifth season of "Transparent" is planned but declined to say what the creative direction would be without lead actor Tambor.

'black-ish' creator Kenya Barris leaving ABC Studio

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The creator of the ABC comedy "black-ish" is leaving the network.

Barris confirmed his departure from ABC Studios in an Instagram post Friday in which he thanked those who had helped him and said he was "nervous but ready" for his next steps.

The writer-producer created "black-ish," which stars Anthony Anderson and Tracee Ellis Ross and has earned multiple Emmy Awards nominations and praise for its politically-relevant stories. The show returned a black family sitcom to network television.

The show has a spinoff,

"grown-ish" that airs on Freeform, which stars Yara Shahidi and was also co-created by Barris.

ABC and Barris' representatives did not return messages seeking comment.

Barris has not announced a deal to produce shows for another platform yet.

Will Smith, Kirsten Dunst add new YouTube Originals fare BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—Will Smith, Jordan

Peele, Kirsten Dunst and Robert Downey Jr. are part of YouTube Original's new series line-up.

YouTube said Friday that in "Will Smith: The Jump," the star will bungee jump from a helicopter over the Grand Canyon.

The live broadcast will take place on Sept. 25, Smith's 50th birthday. Smith's bravado is in response to a challenge from the Yes Theory channel on YouTube.

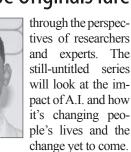
"Get Out" filmmaker Peele is the co-creator (with "Key & Peele" writer Charlie Sanders) of "Weird City," described by YouTube as a comedic sci-fi anthology series with six episodes.

Guest stars will include Rosario Dawson, Michael Cera and LaVerne Cox.

Dunst stars in "On Becoming a God in Central Florida," a dark comedv about a minimum-wage worker who schemes her way into a company that ruined her family. The 10-episode series, produced by Dunst, is

Downey will host and narrate a series that explores the world of artificial intelligence

set in the early 1990s.



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The 2019 debut dates for it and the other new series were not provided.

This fall, YouTube Originals will debut "Origin," a sci-fi thriller about people struggling for survival on an abandoned spacecraft. The cast includes Natalia Tena ("Game of Thrones"), Tom Felton (of the "Harry Potter" film franchise) and Sen Mitsuji.

Times publisher asks Trump to reconsider anti-media rhetoric

BRIDGEWATER. (AP)—The publisher of The New York Times said Sunday he "implored" President Donald Trump at a private White House meeting this month to reconsider his broad attacks on journalists, calling the president's anti-press rhetoric 'not just divisive but increasingly dangerous."

In a statement, A.G. Sulzberger said he decided to comment publicly after Trump revealed their off-the-record meeting to his more than 53 million Twitter followers on Sunday. Trump's aides had requested that the July 20 meeting not be made public, Sulzberger said.

"Had a very good and interesting meeting at the White House with A.G. Sulzberger, Publisher of the New York Times. Spent much time talking about the vast amounts of Fake News being put out by the media & how that Fake News has morphed into phrase, "Enemy of the People." Sad!" Trump wrote.

Hours after that exchange, Trump resumed his broadside against the media in a series of tweets that included a pledge not to let the country "be sold out by anti-Trump haters in the ... dying newspaper industry."

Sulzberger, who succeeded his father as publisher on Jan.

1, said his main purpose for accepting the meeting was to "raise concerns about the president's deeply troubling anti-press rhetoric."

"I told the president directly that I thought that his language was not just divisive but increasingly dangerous," he said.

Sulzberger said he told Trump that while the phrase "fake news" is untrue and harmful, "I am far more concerned about his labeling journalists 'the enemy of the people.' I warned that this inflammatory language is contributing to a rise in threats against journalists and will lead to violence.'

Baby in day care plays favorites among the staff

EAR ABBY: I am a child care provider working with infants. Two of us work in the nursery and share responsibilities. One baby has become extremely attached to me, to the point that I can't take a break or go to lunch without him

screaming until I return. I feel guilty taking lunch breaks or even a vacation because I know that whoever substitutes for me will have to deal with the crying.

Other teachers have tried to bond with him to make it easier on everyone, but it doesn't work. It has reached the point that I'm exhausted at the end of the day from the stress of having to be near him all day. Any suggestions?

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DEAR MOTHERING: Yes. You are a caring person who is doing more than your share of trying to make the baby feel secure, so stop feeling guilty. I consulted Faisal Chawla, M.D., a pediatrician in Los Angeles, who explained that separation anxiety normally occurs at around 6 to 9 months, so age may be a factor. The baby may be experiencing separation anxiety from you as others might get it when a parent drops them off at day care. It should not cause you distress since this is expected behavior.

Dr. Chawla kindly offered suggestions for coping with separation anxiety:

Establish a goodbye ritual/routine that's consistent and quick. Comfort the infant and let him/her know you will be back after your break (just as parents would tell their little one they will be back after work). Some parents do a peek-a-boo ritual, which can reduce crying goodbyes to ones with much less drama.

Leave after you say your goodbye and DON'T come back repeatedly. Coming back is positive reinforcement for the crying ("If I cry harder, they will come back!").

DEAR ABBY: My husband had an annoying habit of staring at me. After dinner, if I went into the kitchen while he was still at the dinner table, he would turn his chair around to stare at me. When he walked into a room I was in, he would stop and stare at me.

response was, "Can't you stand scrutiny?" I said it has nothing to do with scrutiny. It's a form of trying to control me, or even

He has stopped it for the most part. But he reverts back every once in a while. I still have to mention it at times. What do you think of this? What do you think it means?

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DEAR ANNOYED: Unless you have left something out

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

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of your letter, I don't consider what he was doing to be emotional abuse. Until you spoke up, he may not have realized he was making you uncomfortable.

What I think it means is that your husband thinks you When I finally got sick of it and told him to cut it out, his are the most beautiful woman in the world, and he's the luckiest man on the planet. Now he knows it makes you uncomfortable, he's making an effort to stop, but old habits are hard to break and he occasionally backslides.

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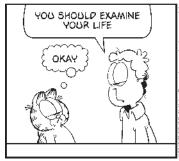


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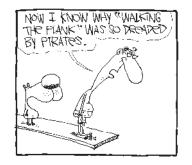
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Happy Birthday: Take your time. Don't make aggressive changes without thinking matters through. Do your research and plan your actions. Preparation will make the difference to the way the year progresses and the benefits that come your way due to patience and thought-out plans. Turn this into a year of thought, detail and precision; you will exceed expectations. Your numbers are 8, 19, 22, 27, 32, 35, 41.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take part in events that will stimulate your mind and challenge you physically. Show appreciation for others and listen to advice offered, but don't share your secrets. Youngsters or your lover will offer insights that will change your way of thinking.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't waffle when change is required. Timing is crucial if you want to get ahead. Don't

waste time arguing with someone who is just as stubborn as you. Do your own thing and allow others the same privilege. Personal improvement is favored. OOOO

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Listen to what a friend or relative has to say, but make up your own mind when it's time to make a decision. Ulterior motives on the part of someone vou are dealing with can lead to uncertainty.



CANCER (June 21-July 22): Put a unique twist on whatever you do, and you will bring about positive changes that will encourage others to follow your lead. Romance will improve your personal life and encourage you to open up about the way you feel. OCCO

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Keep situations in perspective. If you overreact or make a fuss, it will encourage others to do the same. Focus on how best to stay out of debt. Make health a priority by practicing discipline when it comes to diet and fitness.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A personal change will do you good. Self-improvement projects will turn out well and result in a positive change in attitude. A partnership will help you explore new possibilities and improve your current lifestyle and standard of living.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't sit idle or wait for someone else to take care of things. Step up your game and put a little muscle behind what needs to be done. Your actions will give you more clout when you ask for a favor. 🛇 🔾 🔾

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Keep life simple. If someone comes on too strong or tries to bully you, walk away. Lean toward creative endeavors or projects that deal with something or someone unusual. Explore what's available and how best to proceed. **2000**

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't be fooled by a "get rich quick" scheme someone offers. Listen, but acknowledge the probability of this person taking advantage of you. Refuse to let an emotional plea overpower your ability to say no. Look out for No. 1. 🛇

Sudoku is a number-placing

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several given numbers. The

object is to place the numbers

1 to 9 in the empty squares so

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Size up whatever situation you face, and look for alternative methods that will help with negotiations, finances or health issues. A commitment can be made that will improve the way you live. Romance is in the stars. ••••

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Small and simple maneuvers are in your best interest. Change requires thought and proper planning if you want to be successful. Discipline and hard work will pay off in the end and help you avoid making an untimely mistake.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Share your thoughts and feelings, and be willing to work alongside someone who you feel can contribute something unique. A moneymaking opportunity is within reach, and a partnership

to improve your personal life. 🗪 Birthday Baby: You are outgoing, persistent and adaptable. You are sensitive and imaginative.

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By Dave Green

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By DAVID

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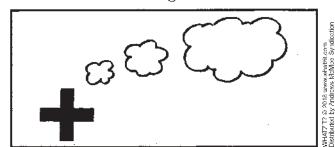
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Johnson joins elite group with 19th PGA Tour win



OAKVILLE, Ontario (AP) — Dustin Johnson is used to cheers and chants of "Let's go

DJ!" But getting serenaded with "O Canada"?

"I did hear it a couple of times, them singing 'O Canada'," said Johnson, laughing Sunday after winning the RBC Canadian Open. "With the amount of support I get when I come up here, it's been great. Everyone's been great to me. I definitely feel like an honorary Canadian."

Johnson has a famous tie to southern Ontario, with fiancee Paulina's father, hockey great Wayne Gretzky, from Brantford. Some fans wore Edmonton Oilers jerseys, and shouts of "Wayne!""99!" and"Paulina!" could be heard.

"It was great all week, I had a lot of support out there, a lot of fans following me," Johnson said. "With my ties to Canada with Paulina and then her dad being Wayne Gretzky, it definitely helps. I get a lot of fans that pull for Wayne, they pull for me."

The top-ranked Johnson, who has an endorsement deal with title sponsor RBC, gave them plenty to cheer about, pulling away for his third victory of the season and 19th on the PGA Tour.

Tied for third-round lead with Kevin Tway, Byeong Hun An and Whee Kim, Johnson shot a 6-under 66 for a three-stroke victory over Kim and An. Johnson finished at 23-under 265, winning at Glen Abbey after finishing second in 2013 and 2016 — and a week after missing the cut in the British Open.

"Even after the missed cut



Dustin Johnson of the United States hits his tee shot on the first hole during the final round of the Canadian Open at the Glen Abbey Golf Club in Oakville, Ontario, Sunday, July 29, 2018.

last week, I felt like I was hitting it fine," Johnson said. "I just did not score very well at Carnoustie at all. I didn't putt good. I just scored really badly. But I felt like I hit the ball plenty good enough to be under par after two days, and I was 5 over or something. It was just bad scoring."

It fell into place at Glen Abbey, the Jack Nicklaus-designed course slated for redevelopment.

"I needed to work on the putter though, which I did,"

Johnson said. "Started rolling the putter a lot better here this week. Really, really hit the ball well all four days.'

Johnson also won at the Tournament of Champions at Kapalua in January and the FedEx St. Jude Classic in June in Memphis, Tennessee.

Kim and An each shot 69 in the round interrupted by a nearly 2-hour lightning delay.

"Definitely wasn't my best day," An said. "I didn't give myself many birdie chances." Keegan Bradley had a 64 to finish fourth at 19 under. He shot 63 on Friday, but had a 73 on Saturday.

"Yesterday's round was a weird round," Bradley said. "I didn't play all that bad, but I didn't score very well."

Mackenzie Hughes was the top Canadian, shooting a 68 to tie for eighth at 15 under.

Tway had a 76 to drop into a tie for 17th at 13 under. He was trying to win his first PGA Tour title in the event where father Bob Tway won the last of his tour titles 15 years ago.

Horan's late goal pulls US into 1-1 draw with Australia

Conn. (AP)—Lindsey Horan scored in NAIUNS of Nations champithe 90th minute to give

the United States a 1-1 draw with Australia on Sunday night in the Tournament of Nations.

Horan scored on a bouncing header off a well-placed corner kick from Megan Rapinoe. The tie extended the Americans' undefeated streak to 18 games.

"I actually thought performance-wise, I thought we played pretty well," Rapinoe said. "We had a lot of chances, exposed them quite a bit in the wide areas, we were able switch the ball quite a bit. We had some good chances."

It was Horan's sixth international goal.

Alex Morgan had three goals for her fourth career hat trick in the team's tournament opener Thursday against Japan in Kansas City, Kansas. Rapinoe added a goal and an sist in the 4-2 victory.

The United States, ranked No. 1 in the world, is gearing up for World Cup qualifying in October. The Americans hope to defend their title next summer at the World Cup in France.

But eighth-ranked Australia, which has already secured a spot in France, struck first when Lisa De Vanna charged the ball upfield before passing off to Chloe Logarzo for a goal in the 22nd minute.

Australia won its tournament opener 3-1 over Brazil.

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> States 1-0 last year. That was the U.S. team's last loss. They've gone 15-0-3 since.

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The result put the U.S. and Australia atop the tournament standings with four points apiece.

"These are the kind of games we're going to see into qualifying and obviously going in to the World Cup next year," Rapinoe said. "I mean, I love these games. I wish obviously that we would have won, but (it was) a competitive environment, great stadium tonight. It was a good match for us, good in a lot of ways, good performance and good preparing us going forward."

Attendance for the match was announced a 21,570.

Earlier Sunday at Pratt & Whitney Stadium at Rentschler Field, five-time FIFA World Player of the Year Marta scored in the 76th minute and Beatriz added a goal before the end of regulation for a 2-1 victory for seventhranked Brazil against Japan.

Moeno Sakaguchi scored in the third minute of stoppage time for sixth-ranked Japan, which has also secured a spot in the World Cup.

The tournament wraps up on Thursday at Toyota Park in Bridgeview, Illinois. Japan faces Australia in the opening match followed by the United States against Brazil.

Luck felt sore, tired but pain-free after throwing at camp



WESTFIELD, Ind. (AP)—Andrew Luck feels as sore and tired as he expected

four days into training camp. He's also pain free—just as the Indianapolis Colts hoped.

Luck passed his first major tests by returning to the practice field, taking all of his normal snaps during the Colts' first two workouts, connecting with receivers on the run rather than throwing at stationary targets while feeling good physically and mentally.

It's a good start for the quarterback with the surgically repaired right shoulder.

"Every day there will be new hurdles," he said Sunday. "The second day, things seemed to calm down or slow down a lot. The first day I was nervous, I was excited and there was a certain element of the unknown. I wasn't quite sure what was going to happen. It was also very fun to be out there with the guys and focus on getting better at practice and not just surviving practice."

The angst could be sensed all around the Colts' new camp site earlier this week in Westfield, Indiana, a northern suburb of Indianapolis.

Fans roared throughout Thursday's opening workout, even cheering when Luck was throwing to ball boys and quarterbacks. One fan shouted "stay in that pocket" as Luck went through an individual drill designed to help all four quarterbacks evade oncoming

Not surprisingly, the early jitters also impacted Luck's performance.

He was just 4 of 9 with an interception in his first 11-on-11 work since having a partially torn labrum fixed in January 2017.

On Friday, he was 15 of 19

He resumed throwing Sunday night, his first full practice in pads in nearly 20 months, and was 19 of 22 with two touchdowns in seven-on-seven and 11-on-11 drills.

"There have been four or five throws that have been like, 'Oh yeah, that looks 100 percent like normal," coach Frank Reich said before the evening workout. "Then there have been one or two that we just need to work through and continue to get better."

Luck did not talk with reporters after those practices or Saturday when he left the field about halfway through Saturday's practice at Grand Park Sports Campus—as scheduled.

"It's weird, but this is the plan Frank and I and (general manager) Chris (Ballard) and everybody who helped came up with at the start. I know it's helped me continue to get better and better and better," Luck said. "It is sort of a bit odd to reconcile 'OK, I'm out here, but I don't get to participate."

But after blaming his slow recovery at least partially on skipping steps in a rush to get back, he's sticking to the plan this time.

And Reich intends to hold him to that promise even though Luck is under no restrictions on the field.

Luck still must pass a few more milestones such as throwing deep balls and taking hits. The wait may not be too long.

Reich has said he expects Luck to play in the Colts' preseason opener on Aug. 9 at Seattle, though Reich has not yet determined how much Luck will play.

"I'm going into this from the very start that he was full go, fully cleared for everything. We have some planned rest days, but in my mind the amount that he plays is he's 100 percent in my mind," Reich said. "We will plan him playing accordingly based on how much we would want to play our starting quarterback."

Luck isn't just starting to shake off the rust.

Happ dominant in winning Yankees debut over Royals



(AP)—J.A. Happ had

made eight previous starts at Yankee Stadium plus a relief appearance in the final game of the 2009 World Series. This was different

"It was kind of weird looking down and seeing the pinstripes on me," he said, "but I'm happy to get used to it."

James Anthony Happ made the midseason impact the Yankees hoped for, pitching onerun ball over six innings to win his New York debut 6-3 over the Kansas City Royals on Sunday.

"It's a significant dude to the rotation," Yankees manager Aaron Boone said in California surfer-speak, "that helps in not just the days he pitches, hopefully, but also just makes our staff and our bullpen as a whole a little bit better,"

Three days after New York acquired the 35-year-old left-hander from Toronto for infielder Brandon Drury and outfield prospect Billy McKinney, Happ took a shutout into the fifth before Salvador Perez's oppositefield home run into the Yankees bullpen in right-center. Happ (11-6) allowed three hits, struck out two and walked one, and the firsttime All-Star ended a fourstart winless streak.

Happ had been 4-1 as a visitor in the Bronx. He threw four-seam fastballs on 64 of 96 pitches against the Royals, including his first 13 of the third inning. He mixed in 12 changeups, seven sliders, two curveballs plus 11 two-seam sinking fastballs -- all from the third inning on.

"His fastball definitely gets on you, and he likes to pitch in on hitters," catcher Austin Romine said. "It was weird. We almost felt like I caught him before, he was so much on the same page."

Braves 4, Dodgers 1

In Atlanta, Sean Newcomb

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NEW YORK came within one strike of pitching the first no-hitter by the Atlanta Braves since 1994, denied when Chris Taylor sharply singled in a win over the Los Angeles Dodgers.

> Newcomb had a 2-2 count with two outs in the ninth inning when Taylor hit a hard grounder beyond the reach of diving third baseman Johan Camargo. That came on the career-high 134th and final pitch by the 25-year-old lefty.

Red Sox 3, Twins O

In Boston, Nathan Eovaldi pitched seven impressive innings in his first start with Boston, J.D. Martinez drove in all three runs to increase his major league-leading RBI total to 89 and the Red Sox beat Minnesota for their 18th victory in 22 games.

Cubs 5, Cardinals 2

In St. Louis, Kyle Hendricks pitched seven sharp innings, Ben Zobrist had four hits and the Cubs salvaged the finale of their weekend series.

Hendricks (7-9) retired his last 17 batters, settling into a nice little groove after Marcell Ozuna's two-run homer in the first inning.

Rangers 4, Astros 3

In Houston, Jurickson Profar hit a go-ahead double deflected by the pitcher and stayed in despite getting kicked in the face as Texas became the first team to sweep Houston this

Rockies 3, Athletics 2

In Denver, German Marquez continued Colorado's strong starting pitching, Tom Murphy homered and the Rockies beat Oakland to sweep the interleague series.

Marquez (9-8) returned from paternity leave to deliver 7 2/3 solid innings and help the Rockies win for the 11th time in 13 games.

In Pittsburgh, Zack Wheeler Cleveland, and Corey Kluber

pitched six strong innings and drove in the lone run, leading New York over Pittsburgh.

Wheeler (5-6) allowed five hits with seven strikeouts and one walk, and got his fourth RBI of the season on a double in the fifth.

Indians 8, Tigers 1

In Detroit, Yonder Alonso, Melky Cabrera and Edwin Encarnacion all homered for

Rajai Davis added a triple and two doubles for the Indians, extended their AL Central lead to nine games over Minnesota. It's the largest division lead in the major leagues at the moment.

Orioles 11, Rays 5

In Baltimore, Adam Jones had three hits and an RBI in what could be his final game with the Orioles, and Baltimore

The rebuilding Orioles are looking to deal Jones before Tuesday's non-waiver trade deadline.

Giants 8, Brewers 5

In San Francisco, Buster Posey had four hits, including a three-run double to help San Francisco break out of a collective funk, and the Giants beat Milwaukee to avoid a four-game sweep.

New York Yankees' J.A. Happ delivers a pitch during the first inning of a baseball game against the Kansas City Royals, Sunday, July 29, 2018, in New York.

Andrew Suarez (4-6) allowed four runs in six innings for his first win since June 29.

Reds 4, Phillies 0

In Cincinnati, Luis Castillo allowed four hits in a seasonhigh seven innings, Scooter Gennett hit a two-run homer and Cincinnati wrapped up its long homestand with a third consecutive win over Philadelphia.

Blue Jays 7, White Sox 4

In Chicago, Brandon Drury hit a go-ahead, two-run double in a five-run ninth inning and Toronto beat Chicago.

Gurriel extended his Toronto record of consecutive multihit games to 11 with his RBI single in the eighth.

Marlins 5, Nationals O

In Miami, Jose Urena and three relievers combined on a two-hitter for Miami in a win over Washington to split a four-game series.

Urena (3-10) threw six scoreless innings allowing only one hit.

Mariners 8, Angels 5

In Anaheim, Mike Zunino had a two-run double in a sevenrun first inning and Marco Gonzales (12-5) went six strong innings to help Seattle beat Los Angeles.

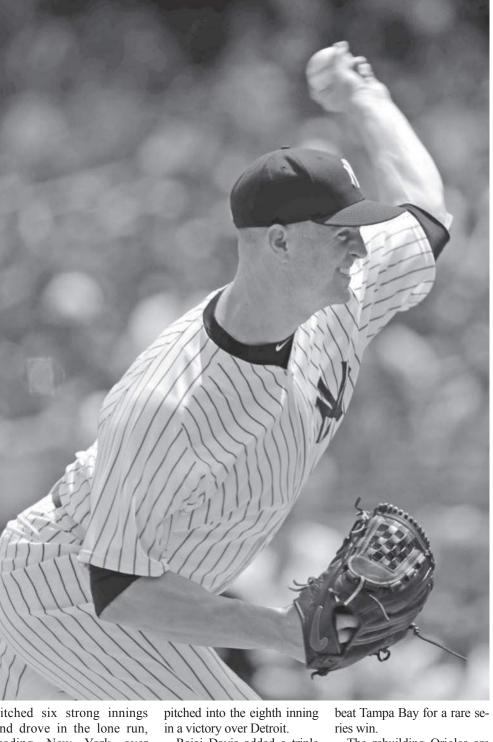
Zunino drove in three runs, also delivering an RBI double in the third inning.

Diamondbacks 5, Padres 4

In San Diego, Paul Goldschmidt and Nick Ahmed each hit a two-run homer and A.J. Pollock also connected for Arizona, which held on to beat San Diego for a threegame sweep.

"And I can say this with certainty, the possibilities are just as important as the outcome. Living the dream that is major league baseball, the best part is not the result but taking the journey with the people whose contributions make it all possible. I'm so honored to be part of something so special. Baseball is beautiful, and I am forever in its service."

Guerrero spoke in his native Spanish in a speech that was translated from Spanish and lasted just five minutes. He thanked his father and mother, who cooked dinners for him and does the same now for his son, and the fans and the people in his hometown of Don Gregorio.



Mets 1. Pirates 0

Chipper Jones shines in Hall of Fame induction speech

STOWN, N.Y. (AP)—Chipper didn't bow to the pressure of the moment, and it was considerable.

Jones was inducted Sunday into the Baseball Hall of Fame. and he stood there delivering his speech with wife Taylor staring up at him, hours away from giving birth to a son to be named Cooper in honor of the special day.

Faced with that daunting task, Jones delivered flawlessly, just as he did during a 19-year career with the Atlanta Braves.

"She changed my life forever," Jones said as his wife

way to find my true profession. Now we've taken our two families and blended them together. It has given me what I've been searching for my entire life -true happiness.'

A crowd estimated at about 50.000 gathered on a sunsplashed day to honor six former players. Also enshrined were Jim Thome, Vladimir Guerrero, Trevor Hoffman and former Detroit Tigers teammates Jack Morris and Alan Trammell.

Jones controlled his emo-

brushed away tears. "It took tions in a speech that took the the loyal Atlanta fans. me 40 years and some major crowd through his entire caimperfections in me along the reer, starting with his rookie "You're the reason I never a doubt the best teammate I season when he helped lead the Braves to the 1995 World Series title. He was one of the greatest switch-hitters in baseball history, in the mold of his dad's favorite player, Mickey Mantle, and finished with a .303 career batting average, 468 home runs, and 1,623 RBI, credentials that earned him election on the first try. Jones also heaped praise

on his mom and dad-"You're the reason I'm on this stage," he said-and ended his speech by thanking

want to play anywhere else. I love you guys. Thank you."

Emotional during a Hall of Fame visit in February to tour the museum in preparation for this day, Thome held it together despite having to wipe away tears after his daughter Lila sang the national anthem. Like Jones, he heaped praise on his wife, Andrea.

"Obviously, induction into the Hall of Fame is one of the greatest honors of my life." Thome said. "The best thing, though, that's ever happened

to me is the day you agreed "You stuck by me," he said. to marry me. You are without could ever have and, with the world as my witness. I love you more today than ever."

The lefty-swinging Thome hit 612 home runs, eighth alltime, and had an MLB record 13 walk-off homers, mostly for the Cleveland Indians.

Thome marveled that the genesis of this moment was hitting rocks on a gravel driveway with an aluminum bat as a kid.

"It's been my great privilege to have played the game for as long as I did," he said.

Proofs on Qatar 2022 bid corruption claims sought

SWITZERLAND—Several members of FIFA's ruling council have called on the football body's ethics committee to demand the evidence behind allegations that the Qatar 2022 World Cup bid ran a secret campaign to sabotage their rivals for the tournament.

A report on Sunday exposed documents allegedly passed by a whistleblower who worked with the Qatar bid. It claimed that bid team used a PR agency and former CIA operatives to disseminate fake propaganda about its main competitors, the United States and Australia, in a flagrant breach of the rules set down for bidding countries by football's world governing body.

Qatar beat rival bids from the United States, Australia, South Korea, and Japan to win the right to host the competition eight years ago, and has faced questions over its shock win in the race to stage the even ever since.

The alleged smears against rival bidders reportedly involved recruiting prominent figures to criticize the bids in their own countries, thus giving the impression they lacked support at home.

The Telegraph contacted several members of FIFA's ruling council for comment on the Sunday Times story. Several said FIFA's governing body or its ethics committee should ask to see evidence of the newspaper's claims, amid calls in Westminster for an "independent investigation" into the claims.

The officials, none of whom wished to be identified, predicted that the latest allegations would not lead to Qatar being stripped of the World Cup, but it has placed renewed focus on the lengths the wealthy Gulf state went to in its efforts to secure the competition.

According to The Sunday Times, the smear campaign included paying a professor £6,900 to write a damning re-

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In this Feb. 24, 2015 file photo shows an artist's impression of the Qatar Foundation Stadium, one of the venues for the 2022 World Cup in Qatar.

port on the economic cost of a US World Cup.

Journalists, bloggers and high-profile figures were recruited in each country to buildup concerns over their respective bids, the paper reported.

It also reported that grassroots protests were organised at rugby games in Australia opposing the country's bid, while intelligence reports were compiled in key individuals involved in rival bids.

FIFA rules say that bidders must "refrain from making any written or oral statements of any kind, whether adverse or otherwise, about the bids or candidatures of any other member association which has expressed an interest in hosting and staging the competitions."

The alleged smear campaign appears to have been aimed exploiting a key FIFA

criteria that bids to host the World Cup should have strong backing from the bidding team's public back home.

The strategy was reportedly carried out by New York commu-

nications firm Brown Lloyd Jones (BLJ), which is now BLJ Worldwide, in addition to a team of former CIA agents used to help disseminate propaganda against Qatar's rivals.

One of the leaked emails, seen by the Sunday Times, and sent to Qatar's deputy bid leader Ali al-Thawadi, shows that the Gulf state was aware of a plot to spread "poison" against its chief rivals.

leaked documents also revealed that a group of American PE teachers had

been recruited to ask Congressmen to oppose a US World Cup on the grounds the money would be better spent on high school sports, the paper claimed.

Lord Triesman, former chairman of the Football Association and England bid chairman, urged FIFA to "look at the evidence thoroughly", and said Qatar should not be allowed to "hold on to the World Cup" if they were shown to have broken Fifa

He told the paper: "I think it would not be wrong for FIFA to reconsider England in those circumstances ... We have the

capabilities."

Last month the whistleblower behind the leaked documents gave testimony to Damian Collins MP, chairman of the culture, media and sport select committee. Mr Collins told BBC Radio 5 Live that the allegations require a "proper independent investigation and Fifa should make sure that happens".

He added: "If the Qataris

have broken the rules, they should face some sanctions".

Qatar was previously investigated by FIFA over allegations of corruption surrounding the World Cup bid, but was cleared in 2014 following a two year inquiry led by American lawyer Michael Garcia. He said that "for the most part the bidding process was fair and thorough," despite certain "questionable conduct."

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University website.

Minor's school was also recognized as one of the outstanding academic teams in Division II. The Reddies were handed out the ITA All-Academic Team award.

The ITA All-Academic Team award is open to any ITA program that has a cumulative team grade point average of 3.20 or above on a 4.00 scale. All varsity letter winners were factored into the cumulative team GPA for the current academic year, including fall 2017 and spring 2018, according to the same HSU statement released last week.

The 22-year-old is in her dent-athlete.

"I am very honored in receiving in this award. Being a student-athlete in general is not easy. Trying to maintain good grades, attending classes, and going to practice right after is a challenge. I have been doing this since I was 10, my first trip to Fiji. The experiences I had throughout the years balancing school and sports are helping me overcome the challenges," Minor said.

"I dedicate this award to my parents (Boyet and Joy), who have been my supporters and coaches, and to God for guiding me throughout the years. I also dedicate this to myself because it is not easy being a full time student-athlete. It takes a lot of hard work and determination to go be one," she added.

After graduation, Minor plans to further her studies.

" Once I graduate in Henderson soon, I am planning to apply to nursing schools. I also want to get a masters or doctorate degree. The big main thing I want to do is make a difference in peoples' lives," Minor said.

the top of the seventh. CNMI

Latin America also boosted its chances in the tournament after shutting down the CNMI.

Daniel Perez pitched for the winning team, allowing only three hits and striking out eight. Pedro Maratita started out for the CNMI and worked the mound for three innings. He fanned three batters before being relieved by J.P. Celis, whose pitching duties lasted for only two innings, as Jordan Babauta came in to finish things out for the Asia Pacific champions.

The CNMI gave up three runs each in the second and sixth inning, while Latin American added one more at

Meanwhile, Celis was featured on a local TV in Easley a day before the CNMI had its debut in the tournament.

The pitcher was reunited with his brother, Ton, after not seeing each other for seven years and their reunion at the J.B. Red Owens Baseball Complex was aired by FOX (Carolina). Justin was throwing from the mound, not knowing it was his sibling doing the catch. The brothers shared a big hug after Ton removed his mask and revealed the big surprise for J.P. Ton came all the way from the state of Washington to see his sibling and wish him and the team good luck.

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and then downed TP Brigade to boost its finals chances. For its third game, Definite Lee was paired against Guerrero 4 Senate and prevailed anew, 21-4, to advance to the semis against Real Action. Definite Lee kept going and defeated Real Action, 14-9, to move into the finals after reigning supreme at the top bracket

Aguon-Guerrero, on the other hand, played at the bottom bracket and eliminated Torres Palacios, True Progress, and Rota GOP to earn the right to face Definite Lee in the finale. Definite Lee went on to end Aguon-Guerrero streak after pulling off the close win.

Meanwhile, in the battle for third place, Rota GOP downed Real Action, 14-6.

Rota GOP banked on a good start to win the consolation game, as it scored nine runs in the first two innings, including two homers each in the first and second.

Real Action was silent in the first three innings before making it to the board at the bottom of the fourth after recording four runs. Real Action added two more in the fifth inning to stay in the game, but eventually lost the match, as it gone cold again in the last two. Rota GOP finished off Real Action with a five-run top of the seventh, highlighted by a two-run homer from J.J. Lifoifoi.

senior year with Henderson and hopes to continue bringing honors to her school both in tennis and academics in her final season. She added that the experiences she got while competing for the CNMI as a junior player helped her survive the tough life of a stuSAIPAN TRIBUNE

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Training Match: CNMI vs Shonan Bellmare





Bo Barry, left, goes for a header.



Captain Jon Takano, right, uses his body to control the ball.



Enrico Del Rosario, center, deflects a shot from a Shonan Bellmare player.



Jehn Joyner, right, gestures to his teammates.

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Minor honored by tennis group

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ormer CNMI No. 1 junior tennis player Thea Minor earned recognition from the Intercollegiate Tennis Association.



A Definite Lee runner jumps back to first base, while a Guerrero 4 Senate player attempts to tag him out during their game in the 2018 GOP Manhoben Softball Tournament last Saturday at the Capital Hill Ballfield.

Definite Lee triumphs in GOP softball tournament

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Definite Lee withstood Aguon-Guerrero's late rally to eke out a 17-16 vic-

tory in the finals of the 20-18 GOP Manhoben Softball Tournament last Sunday at the Capital Hill Ballfield.

Definite Lee, a team backed by Rep. Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero (R-Saipan), attempted to pull away, 15-2, after five and a half innings of the winner-take-all finals. However, instead of cruising to victory, Definite Lee got a scare, as the Reps. Francisco Aguon (R-Saipan) and Larry Guerrero-supported squad threatened its favored foe in the last two

Aguon-Guerrero blasted five homers—four straight ones—and tallied eight runs at the bottom of the sixth inning to cut the deficit to five, 10-15. Definite Lee then hit a two-run homer at the top of the last inning

for cushion, which proved to be crucial, as Aguon-Guerrero

went out for the final push at the bottom.

Six of the seven players in Aguon-Guerrero's top of the order reached with only one out and a runner on second base. The runner was then left stranded and Aguon-Guerrero fell short in its comeback bid, no thanks to two defensive stops from Definite Lee.

Definite Lee got the second out from a pick-off play at second base, while the third was off a 5-3 putout.

Definite Lee registered a 5-0 record in the 16-team tournament. It posted its first win over TP Juggernauts

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Minor, who plays for Division II's Henderson State University, was named as one of the ITA All-Academic Scholar Athletes. Only four Reddies got the distinction for their individual academic

success with Sydnee Parker and Minor's fellow Pacific Oceania players Annie Lorraine Banimataku of Vanuatu of Vanuatu joining her

on the elite list. To get the ITA Scholar-Athlete status, a

player must be a varsity letter winner, have a grade point average of at least 3.50 for the current

academic year, and have been enrolled at their present school for at least two semesters, according to the statement released at the Henderson State

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CNMI needs win vs Canada

The CNMI is in a must-win situation in its game against Canada this morning after losing its opening match in the World Series in Easley, South Carolina.

Latin America, represented by Cardenales Little League from Venezuela, handed the Asia Pacific champions a 7-0

beating yesterday morning in one of the two games played at the international bracket.

With the loss, the CNMI fell to the loser's bracket and needs to win against Canada to remain in contention. Canada also dropped its opening game to

Europe-Africa (Emilia Romagna LL of Bologna, Italy) with the latter posting a close 2-1 win. Latin America, on the other hand, topped Australia (Cronulla LL of Sydney), 4-2, to set up a date against the CNMI.

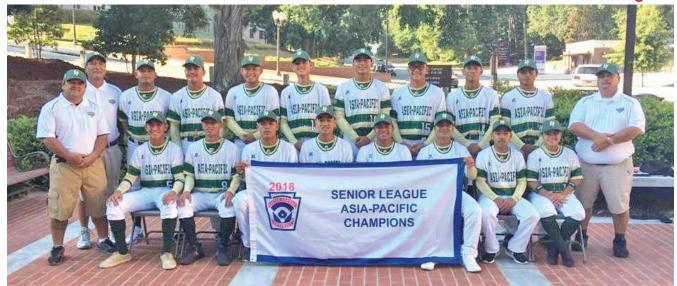
The Commonwealth crew

drew a bye in the first round, joining Caribbean to Round 2,

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while the latter defeated Europe-Africa yesterday, 11-10, to move two wins away from advancing to the finals. Caribbean will face Latin America tomorrow in the winner's bracket semifinals.

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CNMI players and officials pose for a photo before their game in the World Series in Easley, South Carolina, yesterday. сонтявитер рното